

livered an address at Richmond, Virginia, before the Western Section of the Alliance of Reformed Churches throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System, on the *Finality of the Christian Religion*. His article on *Zwingli's Pathway to Certainty* is published in the May number of the *Canadian Journal of Religious Thought*.

Professor Earl Morse Wilbur of the Pacific Unitarian School for the Ministry has secured a Guggenheim Fellowship and has been on sabbatical leave for the past year and is going to be during the ensuing year. He is investigating the history of the Socinian-Unitarian movement and is collecting material regarding the subject in the libraries of Europe, especially in Poland, Transylvania, and Holland. He has in press, soon to appear, a translation of Servetus' *De Trinitatis Erroribus and Dialogi de Trinitate*, with introduction, notes, a life, and a bibliography.

Although the official minutes of the meeting are to be published in the forthcoming volume of the *Papers* of the Society, it seems well to report briefly that the eighth annual Spring meeting was held at the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Chicago on March 21-22. In spite of the greatest blizzard of the winter, the attendance was good, and the papers read were of uniformly high character. Ample time was given for discussion of each paper as well as for fellowship and mutual acquaintance. The Research Committee presented an impressive report which indicated that it is busily carrying on its important work of collecting and collating source materials. The members and guests in attendance carried away a pleasant memory of the kind hospitality of the entertaining institution.

IN MEMORIAM

MELANCHTHON G. G. SCHERER

Dr. Scherer, General Secretary of the United Lutheran Church in America, died on March 9, 1932, in New York City. He was born on March 16, 1861, in Catawba County, North Carolina. The son of the Rev. Simeon Scherer, he came of a line of Lutheran clergymen reaching back to colonial times. He was graduated in 1881 from Roanoke College at Salem, Virginia, and was ordained to the ministry in 1883. After pastorates in Grafton, West Virginia, Mount Holly Springs, Pennsylvania, Concord, North Carolina, and Charleston, he was President of North Carolina College from 1896 to 1899. From 1901 to 1904 he was professor in the Southern Lutheran Theological Seminary. As president of the United Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the South he was prominent in the formation of the United Lutheran Church, and at its organization in 1918 became its secretary. Dr. Scherer was one of the foremost leaders of American Lutheranism, holding important offices in various parts of administration and exerting a many-sided influence. He was a delegate to the Stockholm Conference of 1925 and the Lausanne Conference of 1927. He was an editor of the *Lutheran World Almanac and Encyclopaedia* and author of *Christian Liberty and Church Unity* (1932). He had been a member of the American Society of Church History since 1921.