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"The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us." 1 KINGS 8:57

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Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of  
Wisconsin and Other States  
The Rev. John Brenner, President  
816 West Vliet Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 25, 1940

Dear Brethren:

Permit me to join your host of well wishers and offer my sincere congratulations and heartfelt felicitations upon the occasion of your Ninetieth Anniversary.

You reflect at this time upon the boundless grace of God which has been showered upon you in abundant measure. With you we thank God for the wonderful blessings which you have enjoyed throughout these years.

At this time you also look forward to future work and activity with a prayer for God's continued blessings upon your lips. We join you wholeheartedly in that prayer. The days in which we live are evil days. Enmity against the Gospel of Jesus Christ is becoming ever more pronounced. Governments of the world are crumbling and decaying. Wars and rumors of wars are multiplying. Unquestionably, we are reminded of the Savior's description of the days prior to the end of the world. All of this brings with it an enormous responsibility for the Church of the pure Word. With ever greater courage and with increased devotion to the truth and with ever more consecrated determination, the Church, to whom God has granted the heritage of the pure Word, must proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We join you in the prayer that God's gracious blessings may rest upon your adherence to and proclamation of the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the future, as in the past, may God graciously set you as a city upon a hill from which the light of His Truth and the blessings of His Word may reach an increasing number of blood-bought souls!

Our prayer, too, is that the good Lord may continue to bless the fellowship based upon genuine unity between our Church Bodies and prompt us to move forward ever more aggressively in the great tasks which our Redeemer has assigned to us.

With sincere personal greetings,

Yours in Christ,

J. W. BEHNKEN.

of the Christian Church on earth; we thank Him that He has given to our Lutheran Church the means of grace in all purity; that in spite of our unworthiness and much ingratitude He has not withdrawn His grace from us; that He has safely guided us through many situations fraught with grave dangers.

With you I rejoice in the fact that the Lord has bestowed upon your Synod and its work His divine blessings and pray for His continued favor.



In these turbulent times, both political and religious, deeply affecting our church life, we need ever increasing strength from on high to join our hands and efforts in furthering the truth and fighting evil to the glory of God and the salvation of blood-bought souls.

With kindest personal greetings,

Fraternally yours,

HENRY A. GRUEBER.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 26, 1940.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri,  
Ohio and Other States,

Rev. J. W. Behnken, D. D., President,  
533 E. Kenilworth Ave.,

Oak Park, Illinois.

Dear Brethren:

We deeply appreciate your kind felicitations on the occasion of the ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the Wisconsin Synod.

Among the great blessings our Synod has enjoyed these many years, that of the fellowship between our bodies is by no means the least. Based, as it is, on true unity in the spirit, this fellowship has greatly served to enrich and strengthen our spiritual life, and we hold it very dear.

We are, as you, President Behnken say, facing evil days, days fraught with many dangers. Our earnest prayer is that the Lord will keep our Synods united in His Truth, endure them with wisdom, courage and steadfastness to fight the good fight of faith, grant them victory upon victory over all the enemies of the Truth, and crown their labors with his eternal blessing.

Fraternally yours,

JOHN BRENNER.

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We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following letter from Rev. Henry Grueber, D. D., First Vice-President of the Missouri Synod:

The Rev. John Brenner  
816 W. Vliet Street  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

May 15, 1940.

Dear President Brenner,

May I extend to you my hearty personal felicitations upon the ninetieth anniversary of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin and Other States.

Jointly we praise the Lord for His gracious preservation

## THESE NINETY YEARS —

## "LACKED YE ANYTHING?"

## "BUT NOW —"

**T**AKE no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. — Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? — And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothed the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed. For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of these things." — Precious promise! And all of us have tasted and seen its truth. His mercies have been new unto us every morning. — When Jesus, therefore, asks His disciples, "Lacked ye anything?" The truthful response always is, "Nothing." This is the

more remarkable because the followers of Jesus were and are among the poorest of men with a view to material possessions. Trusting in His word and promise the first disciples of Jesus forsook all they had and followed the Lord. He sent them out into the world without a purse and scrip, without shoes, and yet they lacked nothing. — "I have been young and now I am old, yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging for bread." — "Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens; and Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. How excellent is Thy lovingkindness, O God!" Ps. 36.

## Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

But there are richer blessings! "He shows to man His treasure of judgment, truth, and righteousness, His love beyond all measure, His yearning pity o'er distress; nor treats us as we merit, but lays His anger by, the humble, contrite spirit finds His compassion nigh; far as the heavens above us, as break from close of day, So far, since He doth love us, *He casts our sins away.*" The Lord has not only provided all that we need for our bodily welfare and life, "But blessed be the God, and

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with *all spiritual blessings* in heavenly places *in Christ*: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, *To the praise and glory of his grace*, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, *according to the riches of his grace.*" Eph. 1. — The *grace* of God in Christ according to which He adopted us as His children, as His own, *is God's gift of gifts* to us. Every grace (gift) and every

favor comes to us because He loved us in Christ and adopted us as His own. — And when the Savior asks His disciples, "Lacked ye anything?" they must think above all of "the spiritual blessings" and answer, "Blessed be God, and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with *all blessings.*" We lack nothing!

## "But Now"

*Because* the disciples of Jesus, you and I, must admit that the Lord has provided all that we need, and that we lacked nothing, the Savior continues, "But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise he that hath a scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end." — "*But now!*" What does this interruption mean? To put it in plain words, Jesus tells us, "Until now you have been receiving every good gift from the Father, and you have thought only of *yourself* and of *your* needs. You have been selfish; nestling complacently in your heavenly Father's arms." **BUT NOW** — think of Him the Giver of every good and perfect gift, think of Christ who gave Himself for you. You are to be His own in the full sense of the word. Now you are to support His cause and His kingdom; now you are to bring every sacrifice necessary to extend the borders of His kingdom. "*Now,*" Jesus tells us, "Take that purse which *I* have filled, that scrip, that wallet; and he that hath no sword, let him sell

## An Anniversary Text

"And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing. Then said he unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise his scrip: and he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one. For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, And he was reckoned among the transgressors: for the things concerning me have an end."

— Luke 22, 35-37

his garment and buy one, and let him become a soldier of the cross."

"For I say unto you, that this that is written must yet be accomplished in me, 'And he was reckoned among the transgressors.'" These words again point to Jesus' work of redemption. They express the precious Gospel, "Christ died for us." They remind us of the price that was paid, the ignominy, the shame our Savior suffered, to redeem us and all mankind — "He was reckoned among the transgressors!" And now *He* charges us, "*Go, preach My Gospel!*"

We remember how the first disciples answered this charge of our Lord. The Book of Acts and the Epistles tell the story. No sacrifice was too great and men everywhere beheld "the boldness of the Apostles and took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." With such zeal they labored for the Lord and His kingdom. Their congregations, too, caught the spirit, and St. Paul gives the church at Thessalonica this good report, "Ye became followers of us, and of the Lord — so that ye were examples to all that believe." — We are astonished at the progress which the kingdom of Christ made in the first century. We know the explanation for it. St. Paul tells us, "A great door and effectual is opened unto me." The *Lord* opened that door. Yet these first Christians, pastors and congregations, labored steadfastly for Christ and brought the necessary sacrifices to extend the Kingdom of God. — The Holy Spirit has written this record into the Book of Acts for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. Let *us* heed the charge of our Lord and follow the example of these first believers!

#### "Ye Are My Friends, If Ye Do Whatsoever I Command You"

We know that there are always such who treat the Lord's commands and appeals with indifference and scorn. "With another tongue will He speak to this people!" — "Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof, because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty." Jud. 5: 23. "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully (negligently)." "Will a man rob

God? "Mal. 3. — Will *we* have the Lord speak to us in this "tongue"? Let us hearken to the words of the Savior, "Ye are *my friends*, if ye do whatsoever I have commanded you."

#### Ninety Years of Grace

Surely, goodness and mercy have followed us all the years of our life as a Synod. *We lacked nothing.* The Lord has blessed us in a material way, but above all He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings. AND NOW — let us observe this anniversary by dedicating ourselves anew to our Lord and to the work which He has given us to do.

Ninety Years of Grace! — "Knowest thou not that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" And repentance is the deep conviction of our sin and unworthiness; repentance is faith that rests upon the sure mercy and grace of God in Christ; repentance means that we amend our ways — here and now — it means that we shake off dull sloth and everything that hinders us to obey the command of our Lord, "Preach the Gospel!"

Ninety Years of Grace! — We Lacked Nothing! — Now take that purse, take those God-given talents, take the time, the will, the energy, all that you are and have and put it to work for the Kingdom of Christ. Remember: "We give Thee but Thine own, whatever the gift may be!"

"Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold,  
Not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use  
Every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure-store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee."

A. P. V.

## EDITORIALS

### THE GREEKS GAVE US A WORD FOR IT

**W**E don't recommend it for general usage. It is pat, however, suiting our purpose. The word is "*polyhistor*," meaning one of encyclopedic learning. In this proud age of civilization, and we add of war and depression, the polyhistor is not a rare occurrence. He talks and writes on one subject with aplomb and complacency; he is quick to suggest a solution for any problem; he simply knows. Indeed he knows everything, but he leaves us with the feeling that he understands nothing. *He is superficial.*

By way of contrast we think of the Christian, especially of our older devout Christians, old grandfathers and grandparents. With very little formal education, gems of profound depth and understanding fall from their lips. They are a slice of that group of the quiet in the land, whose knowledge and understanding are sanctified. They have the Spirit of God, and their prayers ascend to the throne of Grace and of Power. For them and the true believers to come, God sustains the world. May God in these days give us understanding that we may know by the Holy Ghost!

W. A. S.

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## RUBBISH-HEAPS IN EGYPT

IT is a far cry from colossal pyramids to lowly rubbish-heaps. The land of the Nile has both. Of the dumps of Egypt it may be said that they surpass the old tombs in historical importance. Protected by a dry and clear atmosphere and covered by a pall of sand blown in from the desert, the dumps have been a far safer sepulcher for the frail brown papyrus sheets of Hellenistic Egypt than the towering tombs were for the deceased pharaohs, whose gold and alabaster furniture was often despoiled by ghouls before the precious ointment in the linen wrappings had dried on the royal mummies.

The Ancients protected their archives jealously. In old Greece, and in Rome too, the temple walls, the columns, the steles — with the laws chiseled into the stone for all to see — were more or less permanent archives. Some of them were of such size and splendor that they might properly be called national museums.

In Egypt also the temples with their ponderous columns and the huge needle-shaped obelisks were filled with inscriptions of all kinds. The life-giving Nile, however, supplied the Egyptian with cheaper material for writing. In the marshes of the river the papyrus plant, from the inner piths of which ancient paper was prepared, grew in opulent quantities. Pressed together in vertical and horizontal strips the ancient papyrus became a cheap and universal writing material. The Egyptian put his records to papyrus. The mass of stuff preserved is divided into two classes: literary and non-literary. Census returns, land survey reports, lists of tax delinquents, river statistics, judicial proceedings, wills form the bulk of non-literary material. The writings of the ancient Greeks, their greater and lesser works, are classified as literary. How is it that Egypt was filled with material in Greek?

Beginning about 330 B. C. Egypt became a center of Greek culture. The ancient East was hellenized by the spectacular Alexander the Great, who "blitzkrieged" Asia via Egypt. The city of Alexandria held high the culture of its founder, whose sharp sword was forged and tempered by Greek culture. As a result the Greek language became the vulgate of the day, a language, the common tongue or koine as it was called. The idiom of the koine-period is marked by simplification and regularity.

The most important works of the Hellenistic age are the New Testament and the earlier Greek translation of the Old, the Septuagint. The last book of the Bible was written about 100 A. D.; the Septuagint was translated 270 B. C., sixty years after Alexander's campaign. Into the Greek vocabulary of these translators of the Old Testament and the inspired writers of the New there was poured a new and deeper religious connotation. The Greek idiom now carried the glory of the Gospel of Salvation in Christ Jesus. And what about the papyri wrapped in the shroud of sand in Egypt?

Although the value of the papyri of Egypt has been overestimated and even abused by enthusiastic scholars, nevertheless, there is great joy to discover new light on words of the Bible by way of those used in the old records turned up by the plow of the fellahin and defined through the research of the papyrologist.

W. A. S.

## IMMORTALITY DISCOVERED

IS there such a thing as "immortality" — endless life? Dr. Gustav Stromberg, an astronomer, at Mount Wilson, and an eminent scientist has written a book, so the newspaper reports, in which he "proves" that immortality is a fact and a reality. He came to this conclusion through scientific investigation and deductions. Thus Dr. Stromberg caught up with the great host of them whose knowledge of the intricate laws and the complex theories of science would give them no standing among the learned of the world. They are the host of men and women who attend the incomparable school of the Spirit of God in the Holy Scriptures. These did not arrive at the conclusion that there is such a thing as *immortality* by way of lengthy, scientific investigations and deductions but by the humble way of faith — accepting God's revelation — and that settled the matter once for all.

Yet, Dr. Stromberg's study that led him to accept the fact of immortality also led him far astray from the truth. His is not the humble, Bible doctrine of immortality. He has jumped away on the other side when he says: "The essence of all living elements is indestructible. The individual memory is a living entity which can never be destroyed. The soul is the owner of the memory, the personality behind it. It retains its memory in latent

form at death. Seemingly a soul can never be annihilated. *In what form it survives is not known.* It may be temporarily or permanently submerged in the world beyond space and time, or it may *appear in reincarnations* for which there is a certain degree of evidence." Here our dear Doctor goes off completely. In fact, what he proclaims as a new, or at least, as a personal discovery was accepted and taught by the ancient Egyptian philosophers and thinkers. They believed in the transmigration of souls — that at death the soul passed into another body either that of a beast or a person.

Such a theory does honor neither to God nor man; and there is no comfort in it. The Christian does not theorize about the soul and its continuance, its life after it has been separated from the body. He knows, God has revealed it to him in the Scriptures, and this satisfies him perfectly and gives him a sure comfort in the face of death. *"Today thou shalt be with me in paradise,"* said Christ to the malefactor on the cross. If we had but this word it would fully suffice to comfort and assure us as to the condition of the soul after death. It is with Christ in paradise. This was spoken by Christ of the soul. The malefactor's body was cast into a pit and covered with earth or stones as the manner was to bury those who expired on the cross. That body did not go with Christ that day. It was the soul of which Christ spoke; this followed Christ into paradise, *that day*, when the malefactor drew his last breath of life. That, then, is the resting place of the soul of the believers until that great day when "all that are in the graves shall hear the voice of the Son of God and shall come forth." On that day of resurrection the souls will be reunited with the bodies and the believers "shall be with Christ forevermore.

That is the doctrine of the Scriptures concerning *immortality*. Nothing complex about that and no long investigation is necessary to come to that conclusion. Faith in the Word of God, faith — that does it. Here is assurance — not as a result of man's speculations and reasonings — but assurance from God, Himself "in whom we live and move and have our being." Here is sure comfort and a joyous hope. We are blessed people!

W. J. S.

### "I TALKED WITH GOD"

**Y**ES, I did — actually and literally — and as a result of that little talk with God some ten years ago, a strange Power came into my life. After 42 years of horrible, sickening, dismal failure and despair, everything took on a brighter hue. It's fascinating to talk with God, and it can be done very easily once you know how. And when you do, well, there will come into your life the same dynamic Power which came into mine. The shackles of defeat which had bound me for years went a-shimmering — and now? — well — I own control of the largest cir-

culating newspaper in my county, I own the largest office building in my city, I drive a beautiful limousine, I own my own home which has a lovely pipeorgan in it, and my family are abundantly provided for after I'm gone. And all this has been made possible because one day ten years ago I talked with God. Actually and literally talked with God."

The above quotation was lifted verbatim from an advertisement appearing in one of our local newspapers. In another paragraph the reader is assured that he too may have the same experience and that same "God-Power" is able to do for you what it did for the writer. "Would you like to know how you too may talk with God? Would you like to know how this God-Power may come into your life as it came into mine?" A penny postcard will bring it to the inquirer.

We wonder how many people will get caught in this net! We wonder how many people, who call themselves Christians, will fall for this subtle prattle! This advertisement is about the most brazen thing we have ever encountered. This man who is running this ad, Dr. Frank B. Robinson, Moscow Idaho, no doubt, has inserted this advertisement in every large newspaper of our country and the fleshly minded, the lovers of self and the things of this world will keep the mails hot with a steady stream of letters and cards addressed to this deceiver and corrupter.

The humble Christian will not become a party to such blasphemy. He knows where to find God — in His Word alone; and no one will commune with God or find God but in that Word and through that Word. Nor has God given anyone a special revelation on finding Him or a patent on prayers that will reach God. The promise of God is to ALL believers: "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that FEAR Him; He will also hear their cry, and will save them." Psalm 145: 18, 19 and 1 John 5: 14: "If we ask anything according to *His will* (revealed especially in the Lord's Prayer) He heareth us." The Christian, therefore, has no need of a special teacher, such as Dr. Robinson professes to be.

Nor has the Christian a special desire for those things that Dr. Robinson guarantees to get for him. The Christian trusts his heavenly Father that He will give him all he needs for his bodily and spiritual welfare, according to His promise and the wisdom of God's counsel. He knows the will of His Father in regard to earthly, temporal blessings: "Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." The Christian fears the things of this world, the joys, comforts, money, goods, because he knows the dangers that lurk in them and the temptation to "set his heart upon them" and lose that inestimable wealth reserved for him in heaven as an heir of God and a co-heir with Christ. *This is the wealth the Christian seeks.*

W. J. S.

## THE CHURCH GLORIOUS

By Pastor Irwin Habeck, Medford, Wis.

“**T**HAT he might present it to himself a glorious church” (Eph. 5:27). This is one of the many references in the Bible which tell us that the Church has a glory and beauty all her own. What is the glory of the Church?

### Will-o'-the-Wisp Glory

If a man lives in a small, old-fashioned house, many people will pay little attention to him. But if he lives in one that is modern and pretentious, he is regarded with respect. So, too, many think that the glory of the Church depends upon the buildings of the congregations which contain her members. Strangers are often impressed by the large and beautiful church in the heart of the city and conclude that the congregation which meets for worship there must amount to something, while they are apt to look down upon the mission congregation which meets in a humble chapel somewhere in the outskirts. And the church member who boasts about the beautiful church which he helped to build is not a stranger to us. But it is loose thinking to think that buildings make the Church glorious. For there are church buildings which are a disgrace to the Church. We have in mind cases in which congregations in order to make a name for themselves have erected a church building for which they cannot afford to pay, with the result that in their strained effort to be rid of a harrasing debt they cannot help in synodical and charitable work, or even must default and come under the condemnation: “The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again” (Ps. 37:21). Nor let us forget that some of the most beautiful cathedrals in the world are so far removed from adding glory to the Church that they are used to rob the Head of the Church of His glory, for in them the blasphemous celebration of mass is daily repeated with the claim that it is of as much value as the sacrifice brought by the Head of the Church on Calvary. Buildings do not constitute the glory of the Church.

Others imagine that large numbers make the Church glorious. We find ourselves in constant danger of looking down upon the small congregations and admiring those whose total figures for membership statistics run high. We are apt to think that the synod with large numbers in its membership amounts to more than the one whose numbers are less. But that numbers are not a factor in the glory of the Church Jesus plainly shows when he calls His own a “little flock” and speaks the solemn warning: “Many be called, but few chosen” (Mt. 20:16).

There are those who feel that it is a disgrace for the Church if any of her congregations or pastors or members are considered narrow-minded. They feel that we ought to be less strict, more ready to let down the bars, in order that we might gain in popularity. In their estimation the glory of the Church would be increased by

popularity. But a plain word of Jesus stamps such thinking as false thinking: “Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets” (Lk. 6:26).

Somewhere we have run across the remark that it is time that we had a Lutheran President in the United States. The idea underlies that the Church would gain in glory if more prominent people were found in her ranks. But the Lord of the Church evidently does not think that increasing the number of prominent names in the membership of the Church will make her more glorious, for of His choice it is written: “God hath chosen the foolish things of the world —; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world —; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not” (1Cor. 1, 27, 28). Of such stuff the glory of the Church is not made. What, then, makes the Church a glorious Church?

### A Hidden Glory

“The King’s daughter is all glorious within” (Ps. 45:13). Here the Psalmist not only tells us that the Church is glorious, but also reveals that her glory is a hidden glory, a glory which is not beheld by the eye of natural man. Through Isaiah the Lord foretold the glory of the Church in a pleasant picture: “I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. And I will make thy windows of agates, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy borders of pleasant stones” (Isaiah 54:11, 12). And then He continues with great plainness of speech: “And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord.” Here is a prominent feature in the glory of the Church, the wisdom of her children. What many leaders in the educational field do not know, the Christian child has already learned, the sad truth that human nature is sinful and corrupt, that all human beings are sinners. What great philosophers would never have dared to dream, is a well-known fact to the most unlettered Christian, that God so loved him and all the world that He gave His only-begotten Son into suffering and death to save men from the guilt and punishment of their sin. Where all other men put a question mark, the Christian puts a confident “I know.” He knows what comes after death and the grave: “I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God” (Job 19:25, 26). When others quake and tremble and don’t know what it is all about when life’s burdens crush them, the Christian is calm, for he knows that all things work together for good to them that love God. A wisdom which cannot be found anywhere else in the world, such is the glory of the Church. As we are mindful of this glory we shall value our work of Christian education and shall

never get the idea that state supported schools with their oftentimes superior buildings and equipment can offer our children more than our Christian schools.

"And great shall be the peace of thy children," the Lord continues in His description of the glory of the Church. "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Ro. 5:1) writes the Apostle in describing the fulfilment of this prophecy. The believer believes what he knows and stakes his eternal welfare upon the fact that Jesus died for him to take away his sin. He knows that God holds nothing against him, that he is altogether righteous for Jesus' sake. This knowledge brings a sacred, settled peace into his heart. While all other men are still in their sins, the Church is a communion of saints, nowhere in all of her members does God find a single spot or taint of sin. This is the glory of the Church.

The prophet's description of the glory of the Church continues: "In righteousness shalt thou be established." "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Ps. 96:9) comes the call to the Church. And she heeds that call. Not in their own power and strength, but because they by faith are grafted into Christ, the true Vine, and from Him receive the needed strength, believers bring forth much fruit, do many good works. The Apostle describes this beauty, this glory, of the Church when he writes: "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-

suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance" (Gal. 5:22, 23). Nowhere else in the world are any good works done. Jesus says plainly, "Without me ye can do nothing" (Jn. 15:5). Men cannot in all cases tell the difference between the works of the believers and the works of the world, but God makes no mistakes. He looks upon the heart. And nowhere else does He see works done with the right motive. But believers have the right motive, they love Jesus, their Savior, and are eager to do what pleases Him. And the efforts and strivings of believers to put their love for Jesus into action are beautiful in His sight. They make the Church glorious. Incidentally, if beautiful church buildings are built with this motive, if numbers are added to the Church through the missionary efforts of believers, if men are compelled to admire believers for their holy conduct, then also buildings and numbers and the respect of the world become features in the glory of the Church. But her real glory is a hidden glory, known only to God and those who, having been born again, have the mind of God.

"Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken,  
Formed thee for His own abode;  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
What can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes."

## SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

By Pastor E. Schaller, Clear Lake, So. Dak.

### I

#### A Text and Its Message

*"For they (Israel) drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them; and that Rock was Christ." Cor. 10:4.*

AS the waters which covered the earth of the primeval world were quickened by the command of God, as they rushed thunderously into the deep prepared for them, dry land was born; not at once the fertile ground so prized by men, but first the mountains which raised their granite faces toward the sky, towering and majestic. Before ever the earth lay fallow and ready to the hand of the Great Planter, the Alps and the Himalayas and the Andes gave silent witness to the greatness of what was to be the new-born world.

So have the rocks overshadowed the earth ever since; they are the exclamation points of Creation! They govern the climate of the earth, control earth's drinking water even at remote distances, spawn the rivers. South America would be a desert if the Andes stood on its opposite shore. The hills have ever been man's compass, his refuge and his help. On Ararat the Ark found footing and spewed forth the parents of a new world; on Mt. Moriah Abraham found faith and a son; Mt. Sinai stands forever as the altar of God and the Divine Law; Mt.

Horeb furnished water to perishing Israel, and Mt. Calvary holds a Cross that saved the world.

But above them all towers the Rock which walked (1 Cor. 10:4); the Rock which was laid as a foundation upon which men must build their faith or die eternally. Greater than the mountains brought forth by the waters is the Stone rejected by the builders which God made to be the head of the corner. "Behold, I lay in Zion a Stone of Stumbling and a Rock of Offense, and he that believeth on Him shall not be put to shame" (Rom. 9:33). The complete story of this mighty mountain, the eternal Son of God and Savior, can be written in Bible passages:

"For other foundation can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 3:11). "And (we) are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in Whom all the building, fitly framed together, groweth unto a Holy Temple in the Lord" (Eph. 2:20, 21).

"Unto you, therefore, which believe, He is precious" (1 Pet. 2:7).

"And whosoever shall fall on this Stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder" (Mt. 21:44).

## II

## A Biblical Study

"And let the dry land appear," said the Lord — and so the mountains were born. They were ready with their treasures before the land bore fruit. We must not underestimate the importance of this portion of God's creation. While waiting for the earth to send forth its green life on the Third Day, let us investigate what God has already spread before us — a veritable fairy-land of good things in those frowning masses of rock, a shelving pantry for man's supply.

Iron is there to smelt into steel, for navigation, agriculture, homes and factories; copper, for which a sinful world will fight as bitterly as for wheat. Two thousand different minerals, in fact, lie at hand for our needs. And let us not forget oil, the black gold in the deep caverns of mountains beneath our feet; or salts, or oxide.

And last but not least, precious stones; these for the

sheer sake of beauty, telling as they do of the lavish power of the Creator. These are His trade-mark; for gems never rot. They are, indeed, indestructible. It is impossible to change a precious stone. Take an amethyst, for example. Hit it with a hammer and shatter it into fifty pieces. Look at them; every single piece is still a perfect amethyst, having the original shape of a rhomboid. Crush the fifty stones into powder and look at the grains through a microscope. Every speck is still a perfect rhomboid.

Is this the reason John, who saw the New Jerusalem, the eternal city of the new world in which God's children shall find their mansions, described it as a city set in precious stones, with gates of pearl? (Rev. 21:19-21.) Yea, and we are to be the jewels in the Crown of our Savior, for we, like the gems of earth, have been found in the Rock of Ages; no violence shall forever change our form, not even death. They who are in Christ are indestructible.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR COLLEGES

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE



June 7 will be commencement day at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. The time will be 10:00 o'clock and the speaker will be President W. T. Meier, Watertown, So. Dak. The student concert will be given on the evening before. Everyone is welcome.,

C. L. Schweppe.

### COMMENCEMENT AND SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

Commencement exercises at Northwestern College will be held on Tuesday, June 11, at 9:00 o'clock.

On the afternoon of that day the Theological Seminary and Northwestern College will observe the seventy-fifth anniversary of both institutions in a service to be held in the college gymnasium.

Particular attention is called to the date and time of the commencement exercises — Tuesday, June 11, not June 13 as announced in the college catalog. 9 o'clock, not 10 o'clock as in other years.

Members of the Synod are cordially invited to pay a visit to Northwestern College on that day and join the seminary and college in their anniversary service.

E. E. Kowalke.

### MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

On account of the joint celebration of the Theological Seminary and Northwestern College the date of our commencement has been advanced to June 7. The graduation

exercises are to be held on the evening of that day in our St. Paul's Church. The graduation class numbers sixteen.

As usual, the morning and afternoon of commencement day are set aside for field events of all kinds. The Alumni will meet for their annual meeting after the graduation exercises.

All friends of our school are invited to take part in activities of the day. Otto J. R. Hoenecke, Pres.

Saginaw, Mich., April 21, 1940.

### THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

On June 6, God granting, the present school year of the Theological Seminary at Thiensville will be closed with a service in the customary manner. The service is to begin at 9:30 A. M.

In one respect the celebration will differ from similar ones of former years. The request has repeatedly been made that we change the language of the service. To this desire for English, which is based on the trend of the time, the Seminary is willing to accede in a measure. The address will be in English. As far as the singing by the assembly is concerned, the German choral will be retained, seeing there is nothing in English hymnody to equal it. The more the sturdy choral with its vigorous and invigorating text and melody is abandoned in favor of English church hymns, the more the spiritual life of Lutheran churches stands in danger of becoming superficial and rickety. For this reason, let us retain and cultivate the Lutheran choral as long as at all possible.

Friends and patrons of the seminary are cordially invited to attend the closing service. — After the service, as in past years, a light lunch may be had in the refectory.

Joh. P. Meyer.



**WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY**

June 9 will be commencement day of Winnebago Lutheran Academy at Fond du Lac, Wis. Church service at 4:00 P. M., academic program at 7:45 P. M. in auditorium.  
G. E. Bergemann.

**NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY**

This year the graduation exercises at our school will

be held at Zion Lutheran Church on Friday, June 1, 10:30 A. M. On the evening before, June 6, the Academy Chorus will give a concert in the assembly hall of the recitation building. All friends of the institution are cordially invited to attend these festive activities.

R. A. Fenske.

Mobridge, So. Dak., May 13, 1940.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

The thank-offering to be raised on the occasion of the 90th Jubilee will, according to synodical resolution, be used for retirement of the Church Extension Debt. For that reason all Jubilee collections should be sent to Rev. K. Timmel, Watertown, Wis.

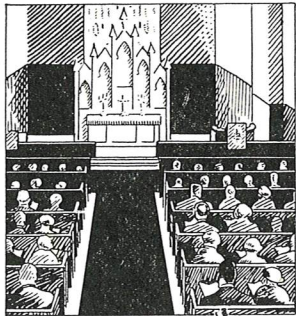
Should any Jubilee collection be sent through the

District Cashier to the Synod's fiscal office, it will be entered as a collection intended for the liquid Church Extension Fund. It is contrary to the intention of the Synod's resolution to designate this special thank-offering as intended for regular budgetary purposes.

E. E. Kowalke.

**CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES**

**EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE**



The Eastern Delegate Conference of the Southeast Wisconsin District will meet on the third Sunday after Trinity, June 9, at 2 P. M., at Good Shepherd Ev. Luth. Church, Corner Barnekow Ave. and McMyron St., Wauwatosa, Wis., Pastor Luther Voss.

A. C. Schewe, Sec'y.

**ST. CROIX DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The St. Croix Delegate Conference will meet on

Tuesday, June 11, 1940, in Grace Church, Nye, Wis., P. R. Kurth, pastor, opening with a service beginning at 9:00 A. M.

Essay: "Personal Evangelism," P. R. Kurth.

Sermon: G. A. Ernst (W. Franzmann).

Delegates are requested to present their credentials to the secretary immediately after the service. The annual conference dues of one dollar per congregation will be collected at the same time.

To get to Grace Church follow County Road "M" to Nye, drive through Nye south one-fourth mile, turn right (west) one mile to the church.

Please register with the local pastor and state how many delegates are coming.  
P. R. Kurth, Sec'y pro tem.

**CROW RIVER VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Crow River Valley Delegate Conference meets June 4 at Ellsworth, Minnesota, with Pastor Martin Schuetze. The meeting will begin at 10 A. M.

Papers: How to Stimulate Attendance at Holy Communion, W. J. Schulze; What Benefit Does a Congregation Derive from its Connection with Synod, A. Leersen; The Stand of the Conference on the Wedding Dance, H. Duehlmeier; How a Layman Can Become a Missionary in His Own Congregation, W. P. Haar.

Please announce early, also stating how many delegates you are bringing along!  
Karl J. Plocher Sec'y.

**EASTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE**

The Eastern Pastoral Conference of the Southeastern Wisconsin District will convene, D. v., June 4 and 5, 9:30

A. M., at St. John's Church, Good Hope, with Pastor A. Buenger.

Essays: Hebrews, chap. 3, A. Petermann (J. Mahnke); Book Review. In Quest of Reality, H. Herwig; Zweck und Nutzen der Beichtrede, K. Lescow.

Sermon: A. Schultz, E. Tacke, English.

Th. Monhardt, Sec'y.

**MISSISSIPPI VALLEY DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The Mississippi Valley Delegate Conference will convene in Winona, Minn. (St. Matthew's) on Tuesday, June 4. Opening service at 9:00 A. M. Pastors will please register for themselves and their delegates with pastor A. L. Menicke at an early date.  
Rud. P. Korn, Sec'y.

The Redwood Falls Delegate Conference will meet on June 6 at Arlington, Minn., the Rev. R. Heidmann, pastor. A devotion conducted by Visitor Ed. Birkholz will open the session at 9:00 A. M. "Our Synodical Work" will be the general theme of the conference. Teachers and pastors will please announce, giving the number of lay delegates from their respective congregations.  
A. W. Blauert, Sec'y.

**NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE**

The New Ulm Delegate Conference will meet at Nicollet, Minn., June 5, Rev. F. Koehler, pastor. Sessions begin at 9:00 A. M. Please announce!  
A. Martens, Sec'y.

**ARIZONA SPRING CONFERENCE**

The Arizona Conference will meet, God willing, June 4 to 7 at Whiteriver, Arizona. Please announce to the local pastor when you will arrive and how many are in your party.

Papers: Arguments of Chiliasts and Millennialists, E. A. Sitz; John 14. 15, F. Knoll; How to Teach and Admonish unto Sanctification, O. Hohenstein; Distinctive Doctrines of Mormonism, A. M. Uplegger; Sunday or Sabbath, E. Guenther.  
R. Riess, Sec'y.

**SOUTH-EAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

The 12th biennial convention of the South-East Wisconsin District will be held, God willing, at Zion Ev. Luth. Church, Hartland, Wis. (H. Hartwig, pastor), June 24-28, 1940.

Opening service Monday, 10:00 A. M. Lay delegates are requested to submit their credentials, properly signed by the chairman and secretary of their respective congregations, to the undersigned immediately after the opening service.

Essays and essayists: An exegetical homiletical paper on 1 Cor. 4:1-5; Pastor E. Jaster. The Meaning and Import of Ordination; Pastor C. Buenger. According to a resolution essays are to be read in English, but excerpts are to be furnished in German beforehand.

Any petitions and memorials are to be in the hands of President P. J. Bergmann by June 1, 1940.

Requests for lodging are to be sent to Pastor H. Hartwig before June 1, 1940. W. Keibel, Sec'y.

#### NORTH-WISCONSIN DISTRICT

Pursuant to an invitation of Zion's Ev. Luth. Congregation of Rhinelander, Wis. (Pastor: Paul Gieschen), the North-Wisconsin District of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin a. o. St. will hold, D. v., its 12th regular biennial convention in its midst June 17 to 21.

The opening services will take place Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Immediately after these services the lay-delegates of the respective congregations will, please, hand their Credentials to the secretary of the District. They must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of their respective congregation.

The first session will be held at 1:45 P. M.

All announcements to attend the sessions must be in the hands of the local pastor by June 1. All later announcements for lodging can not be considered. All delegates should consider that it is a difficult matter for any congregation to find proper lodging for about 200 delegates under present housing conditions. Therefore no requests for lodging, or changes in lodging can be considered after June 1.

All petitions and memorials must be sent in English and German to the President of the District, Pastor W. Pankow, by the 1st of June.

A paper will be presented by Pastor E. Reim of Neenah, Wis., for discussion.

Meals will be served at the usual price.

Please make your announcement at the earliest date possible.

G. E. Boettcher, Sec'y.

Hortonville, Wis., March 20, 1940.

#### MICHIGAN DISTRICT

God willing, the Michigan District of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other States will hold its 70th convention June 24 to 28 in Salem Congregation, Scio Twp., Mich., the Rev. A. G. Waeker, pastor.

The opening session will be held Monday afternoon, June 24, at 2:00 o'clock. Credentials of lay delegates, signed by the president and the secretary of the congregation, should be in the hands of the District Secretary by 1:00 o'clock at the latest.

The opening service in which Holy Communion will be celebrated will be held on Monday evening.

A special service in observance of the 90th anniversary of Synod will be held Thursday evening.

Prof. John Meyer will deliver an essay on the subject "True Worship."

All memorials and communications pertaining to the convention must be in the hands of the District President no later than June 1.

Breakfast and lodging furnished gratis. Dinner will cost 35c; supper 25c. No meal will be served Monday noon.

Requests for quarters must reach the local pastor by June 14. Those not driving their own cars are requested to indicate this in their announcement.

The convention adjourns Friday noon.

A. W. Hueschen, Sec'y.

Pigeon, Mich., April 13, 1940.

#### NEBRASKA DISTRICT

D. v., the 12th biennial convention of the Nebraska District will be held in Trinity Ev. Luth. Church, Hoskins, Neb. (R. Bittorf, pastor), June 19-24.

The roll will be called at 10 A. M. on Wednesday. At that time the lay delegates will file their credentials with the District Secretary.

An essay on Lutheran Church History will be presented by Prof. G. A. Westerhaus of Northwestern College, and Rev. E. J. Hahn of Gresham, Nebr., will read a paper on the Scriptural Doctrine of Repentance.

The 90th Anniversary of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States will be celebrated in the convention services.

For the convenience of the host congregation kindly send your requests for meals and lodging to the local pastor at a reasonably early date.

L. Sabrowsky, Sec'y.

Sioux City, Iowa, April 23, 1940.

#### MINNESOTA DISTRICT

The Minnesota District will meet at Dr. Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn. Date: June 17, at 2:00 P. M., until and including June 21.

Credentials of delegates shall be signed by the president and secretary of the congregation. All memorials to Synod should be submitted to the District President by June 1.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the service in St. Paul's Ev. Luth. Church on Monday evening. The confession will be conducted by the Rev. A. H. Mackdanz or the Rev. E. Penk.

Services on Thursday evening will be held in the convention hall. Mission sermon: The Rev. M. J. Wehausen or the Rev. C. W. Kuehner; Christian education sermon: The Rev. G. A. Ernst or the Rev. Fred. Koehler.

Essays: "A Popular Commentary on 2 Cor. 8 and 9" by the Rev. C. P. Kock; "Modern Trends in Education" by Prof. H. Klatt.

The Housing Committee will send information on quarters. Registration fee of 25 cents will be charged those delegates quartering elsewhere. R. A. Haase, Sec'y.

#### WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

The Western Wisconsin District of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin and other States will convene, God willing, June 24 to 27 in the midst of the First German Ev. Luth. Congregation of La Crosse, Wis. (Pastor W. Schumann, 410 West Ave. S., La Crosse, Wis.).

The first session will be held on Monday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock.

The opening service will be held on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. This service will at the same time be a jubilee service in commemoration of the ninetieth anniversary of our synod. Closing service with the observance of Holy Communion on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

During the course of the convention a paper on school matters will be presented by Prof. K. Schweppe of New Ulm, Minn.

Memorials must be in the hands of the President, Pastor Herbert C. Kirchner, not later than June 1.

The delegates from the various congregations are kindly requested to hand their credentials, signed by the president and secretary of their respective congregations, to the secretary of the district in the first session.

Requests for quarters should be in the hands of the local pastor not later than June 3. Lodging and breakfast will be furnished gratis, dinner and supper at a nominal price.

A. P. Paap, Sec'y.

Johnson Creek, Wis., April 24, 1940.

#### DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

The Dakota-Montana District will meet from June 18 at 9:00 A. M. to June 21, in Roscoe, So. Dak.

A German opening service will be held on Tuesday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The ninetieth Jubilee of the Wisconsin Synod will be celebrated in an English service on Thursday evening at 8. In this service Holy Communion will be celebrated in the German language.

A German essay will be read by Professor Lehninger on the subject: The present status of the union movement within the Lutheran Church of our country. An English essay on Christian Education will be delivered by Professor Jahnke.

The credentials of the delegates, signed by the chairman and secretary of their congregations, and all announcements should be in the hands of the undersigned no later than June 10. Please state in your announcement, whether you will expect supper and night lodging on Monday night, and, if possible, the appropriate hour of your arrival at Roscoe.

Meals will be served by the ladies of the congregation free of charge. However, since most of the delegates will have to go into the country for their night lodging, it would be well to have the delegates either drive their own cars to Roscoe, or to permit them to drive their pastor's car to their places of lodging. Herbert Lau, Sec'y.

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA**

The Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America will assemble for its thirty-seventh convention at Chicago, Ill., August 1-6, 1940.

Essays: "The Brotherhood of Faith" (Prof. A. Schaller) and "The Holiness of God" (Dr. T. Laetsch).

Delegates should secure three copies of their credentials signed by the president and secretary of their respective Synod or District, and mail one copy to the chairman, Prof. L. Fuerbringer, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis, Mo., another to the secretary, Prof. G. V. Schick, 801 De Mun Ave., St. Louis, Mo., and the third to Rev. A. C. Dahms, 2046 N. Fremont St., Chicago, Ill. All overtures and other business for the convention should be received by the chairman not later than June 15 to enable him to place printed copies of the convention's agenda into the hands of delegates at least two weeks prior to the convention.

George V. Schick, Ph. D., Sec'y.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKS**

We acknowledge with thanks the figits sent to the Lutheran Apache Mission, Cibecue, Arizona, by the following donors:

Rev. George Luetke, Toledo, Ohio; Senior Bible Class, Rev. J. Ruege, West Allis, Wisconsin; Mr. Elmer Rimpler, Princeton, Wisconsin; Ladies' Society, Rev. F. Loeper, Whitewater, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Mrs. R. Fischer, Arlington, Minnesota; Birthday Club, Rev. R. Otto, Wilmot, Wisconsin; Im. Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Carl Moldenhauer, Johnson Creek, Wisconsin; Rev. W. H. Lehmann, Libertyville, Illinois; Redeemer Ladies' Aid, Rev. O. Medenwald, Amery, Wisconsin; Rev. P. Brockmann, Waukesha, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Mata Pueschel, Hopkins, Michigan; Sunday School, Miss E. Bischoff, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Friesland, Wisconsin; Rev. C. G. Leyrer, St. Louis, Michigan; Rev. R. Biesemann, Edgar, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Rev. W. Mahnke, West Allis, Wisconsin; Rev. Monhard, Wilton, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Emil Behrke, New London, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Rev. C. Lawrenz, N. Fond du Lac, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Rev. R. Otto, Wilmot, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Rev. E. and Hy. Lehmann, Firth, Nebraska; Our Sewing Circle, Mrs. Wm. Seulfow, Rockfield, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Mrs. G. Knaack, Princeton, Wisconsin; Lutheran Aid, Mrs. Robert Steffen, Osceola, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid and Y. P. S., Rev. Karl Bast, Raymond, South Dakota; Ladies' Aid, Rev. Wm. Lutz, Escanaba, Michigan; Ladies' Aid, Mrs. C. Klaenhammer, Menomonie, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Rev. H. Kuekhahn, St. Charles, Minnesota; Ladies' Aid, Rev. Im. Lenz, Graceville, Minnesota; Ladies' Aid, Rev. Arthur Mittelstaedt, Thiensville, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Rev. C. A. Otto, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, Rev. H. Kuether, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin; Sunday School, Mr. I. Golz, Princeton, Wisconsin; Ladies' Aid, South Dakota. R. Riess.

**MEMORIAL WREATHS**

In memory of Mr. William Wegenke, Jr., from Mr. Rudolph Henke, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hass, \$1.00; Mrs. Anna Rausch, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Everts, \$1.00; Mrs. Albert Schultz, \$1.00; Mr. Herman Schroeder, \$2.00; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schroeder, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Haack, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Schroeder, \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Edd Schatz, \$1.00; Mr. V. E. Wilschinger, \$1.00; Mr. William Arnda, \$1.00; Mrs. Bertha Nohrenberg, 50c; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Fennern, \$1.00. Total: \$15.50.

J. B. ERHART.

In memory of Henry Fluegge for Missions in Poland received by Rev. W. Hueschen, Pigeon, Mich.: From Mrs. Frank Einhardt, Mrs. John Weis, Ernst Fluegge, Adolph W. Fluegge, Otto Fluegge, Emma and Mildred Einhardt each \$1.00; Mrs. Henry Elbing \$2.00. Thanks!

W. BODAMER.

**INSTALLATION**

Authorized by President J. Witt I installed Pastor W. Wielke as pastor of the Broken Bow-Merna Parish, April 21. E. J. Hahn.

**BEWARE**

of a young man giving his name as VETTERLEIN, posing as a member of the Missouri Synod and giving his home as Stockton, California, and a member of the church there with Rev. Jacobsen as pastor. He is using this means to defraud. The undersigned has written to this pastor and he does not know of him.

Evanston, Illinois.

H. J. Wackerfuss.

**NEBRASKA DISTRICT**

January, February, and March, 1940

Reverend	Non-Budgetary	Budgetary
<b>Rosebud Conference</b>		
R. Stiemke, Mission, So. Dak., Zion .....	\$ 49.90	\$ 16.60
E. A. Knief, Herrick, So. Dak., St. John .....	3.92	
H. Fritze, Valentine, Nebr., Calvary .....	15.00	14.85
H. Fritze, Valentine, Nebr., Zion .....	16.50	14.85
N. M. Mielke, Platte, So. Dak., Faith .....	11.37	
L. Gruendemann, Burke, So. Dak., Grace ..	36.87	3.00
L. Gruendemann, Carlock, So. Dak., Peace ..	2.50	
G. H. Geiger, Witten, So. Dak., St. John ....	20.80	
W. J. Oelhafen, Winner, So. Dak., Trinity ..	120.47	
W. Oelhafen, Hamill, So. Dak., Mission....	2.68	
L. F. Groth, Colome, So. Dak., Zion .....	11.05	
L. F. Groth, McNeely, Mission .....	3.48	
F. H. Zarlring, Batesland, So. Dak., Zion ..	9.27	
<b>Central Conference</b>		
V. Winter, Brewster, Nebr., St. John .....	20.17	
V. Winter, Merna, Nebr., Mission .....	10.71	
V. Winter, Broken Bow, Nebr., St. Paul ..	18.18	
J. Witt, Norfolk, Nebr., St. Paul .....	301.00	
H. H. Hackbarth, Stanton, Nebr., St. John ..	315.44	
R. F. Bittorf, Hoskins, Nebr., Trinity .....	94.32*	20.71
L. Sabrowsky, Sioux City, Iowa, Grace .....	23.64	
L. Tessmer, Hadar, Nebr., Immanuel .....	122.77	
<b>Southern Conference</b>		
E. F. Hy. Lehmann, Firth, Nebr., St. John ..	84.92	14.62
H. H. Spaude, Rising City, Nebr., St. John ..	18.00	
H. H. Spaude, David City, Nebr., Zion ..	12.45	
J. Raabe, Shickley, Nebr., Zion .....	59.59	
A. T. Degner, Plymouth, Nebr., St. Paul ..	254.65	72.68
R. H. Roth, Grafton, Nebr., Mission .....	20.69	
E. J. Hahn, Gresham, Nebr., St. Paul ....	120.91**	
R. H. Vollmers, Geneva, Nebr., Grace .....	15.01	
E. C. Monhardt, Clatonia, Nebr., Zion .....	312.23	
<b>Colorado Conference</b>		
H. Witt, Lamar, Colo., Mission .....	20.00	
W. H. Siffring, Deer Trail, Colo., Mission ..	3.82	
H. Schulz, Fort Morgan, Colo., Zion .....	17.09	
A. C. Baumann, Ordway, Colo., Mission ..	108.90	10.00
O. Kreie, Hillrose, Colo., Trinity .....	13.75	
Im. P. Frey, Denver, Colo., Mission .....	4.50	
	<b>\$2,276.55</b>	<b>\$ 152.46</b>

\* \$10.60 of this is a Memorial Wreath by Trinity Congregation of Hoskins in memory of Prof. Fred Brenner.

\*\* \$5.00 of this is a Golden Wedding Contribution by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heinecke of Gresham, Nebr.

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**Distribution of Funds**

General Administration .....	\$ 368.22
Supervision, Promotion and Publicity .....	33.81
Finance .....	23.74
Educational Institutions, General .....	150.80
Theological Seminary .....	25.44
Northwestern College .....	57.72
Dr. Martin Luther College .....	4.92

Michigan Lutheran Seminary .....	22.48
Northwestern Lutheran Academy .....	23.68
Parochial School Commission .....	10.00
Home for the Aged .....	51.47
Missions, General .....	863.65
Indian Mission .....	88.92
Negro Mission .....	6.00
Home Mission .....	371.44
Poland Mission .....	10.00
Madison Student Mission .....	
Student Support .....	15.41
General Support .....	16.83
To Retire Debts .....	3.02
Buildings and Equipment .....	50.00
Church Extension Fund .....	79.00
<b>Total Budgetary .....</b>	<b>\$2,276.55</b>

**Non-Budgetary**

East Fork Indian Orphanage .....	35.00
Institute for Deaf, Detroit .....	5.00
Bethesda, Watertown .....	29.00
Wheatridge Sanitarium .....	24.96
Fremont Orphanage, Fremont, Nebr. ....	38.90
Special Church Extension Fund .....	19.60
<b>Total Non-Budgetary .....</b>	<b>\$ 152.46</b>

OWEN MCFARLAND, Cashier.

**MICHIGAN DISTRICT**  
January 1 to April 8, 1940  
Southwestern Conference

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
L. Meyer, Allegan .....	\$ 69.98	\$ 4.50
H. C. Haase, Benton Harbor .....	500.00	
W. Franzmann, Coloma .....	134.26	
W. Westendorf, Dowagiac .....	232.00	
N. Engel, Eau Claire .....	79.51	
E. T. Lochner, Hopkins .....	125.01	
E. T. Lochner, Dorr .....	50.44	
A. Hoenecke, Muskegon .....	111.10	
A. Fischer, Sodus .....	58.55	
M. A. Haase, South Haven .....	164.65	
W. G. A. Essig, Stevensville .....	37.96	
H. Hoenecke, Sturgis .....	215.66	6.00

**Southeastern Conference**

J. Nicolai, Adrian .....	255.50	
H. Heyn, Detroit .....	193.14	
A. Allwardt, Detroit .....	165.93	
Pastors of Detroit and Vicinity .....	5.00	
R. Richter, Detroit .....	33.71	
K. Vertz, Detroit .....	56.63	
G. Press, Detroit .....		1.00
R. Gensmer, Findlay .....	31.61	
J. Gauss, Jenera, O., incl. \$60.59 from S. S. ....	452.87	
W. Steih, Lansing .....	131.17	
H. Zapf, Monroe .....	518.39	
G. Ehnis, Monroetown .....	88.00	
A. Maas, Northfield .....	82.38	
E. Hoenecke, Plymouth .....	120.88	
C. Schmelzer, Riga, incl. \$8.00 from S. S. ....	197.72	8.00
H. Engel, Saline, incl. \$2.00 from Mrs. C. Feuerbacher, \$2.00 from Mrs. Jacobine Burkhardt and \$10.20 Bapt. Coll. (Lombarth, Hack and Lindemann) .....	170.38	9.70
Estate of Christian M. Burkhardt .....	250.00	
A. Wacker, Scio, incl. Bapt. Coll. (F. Hornung) \$2.70 and Silver Wedding Coll. Geo. Herter \$10.50 .....	335.37	18.70
Estate of Mrs. Minna Schaible .....	50.00	
G. Luetke, Toledo, O. ....	840.00	5.00
R. Timmel, Toledo, O., incl. \$10.00 from Miss E. Gunkel and Mr. and Mrs. O. Bode .....	125.06	4.00
O. Naumann, Toledo, O. ....	65.94	
E. Leyrer, Waterloo .....	55.35	
O. Peters, Wayne .....	318.67	
O. Peters, Livonia .....	46.55	

**Northern Conference**

M. Schroeder, Bay City .....	371.29	2.00
A. Westendorf, Bay City .....	606.50	

E. Kasischke, Bay City .....	373.32	
R. Hoenecke, Chesaning .....	164.50	1.00
R. Hoenecke, Brady, incl. \$15.00 from two members .....	35.65	15.00
C. Binhammer, Clare .....	146.31	
C. Henning, Elkton .....	33.90	
B. Westendorf, Flint .....	229.04	17.00
V. H. Winter, Flint .....	171.00	
A. Kehrberg, Frankenmuth .....	250.85	
R. Kaschinske, Greenwood .....	48.32	
A. Schwerin, Hale .....	84.68	
K. Frey, Kawkawlin .....	62.25	
F. Krauss and K. Krauss, Lansing .....	1,897.93	
E. Rupp, Manistee .....	70.64	
E. Rupp, Batcheller .....	13.53	
A. W. Hueschen, Pigeon .....	53.62	26.81
W. Voss, Owosso .....	308.01	3.00
D. Metzger, Remus .....	12.05	
D. Metzger, Broomfield .....	23.68	
O. Eckert and O. J. Eckert, Saginaw, incl. \$25.00 from N. N. ....	642.42	27.00
O. Frey, Saginaw .....	89.80	1.50
H. Eckert, Saginaw .....	121.17	
G. Schmelzer, Sebewaing, incl. \$10.00 from Ladies' Aid .....	109.07	
C. Kionka, Swan Creek .....	50.00	
C. Kionka, Hemlock .....	105.00	
J. Zink, Sterling .....	50.00	
C. Leyrer, St. Louis .....	135.87	2.00
J. Roekle, Tawas City .....	231.77	1.00
H. Zink, Tittabawassee .....	116.80	
A. Voges, Vassar .....	20.62	
A. Voges, Mayville .....	7.55	
A. Voges, Silverwood .....	6.27	
R. Koch, Zilwaukee, incl. \$11.31 from S. S. ....	154.53	

Total .....

Note: Of the \$153.21 Non-Budgetary money \$110.80 are for our Church Extension Fund, the rest for other Non-Budgetary purposes.

**Memorial Wreaths**  
(included in above monies)

Sent in from:	In Memory of	
Sturgis .....	Mrs. M. Bostetter .....	\$ 3.00
Sturgis .....	Mrs. Paul Eckert .....	3.00
Saginaw (St. Paul's) .....	Irving Heck of Monroe .....	3.00
Saginaw (St. Paul's) .....	Mrs. Aug. Lange .....	4.00
Detroit (Hope) .....	Ernst J. Zoellner .....	1.00
Scio .....	Mrs. Cathrine Laubengayer ..	5.00
Scio .....	Mrs. G. Zahn .....	10.00
Scio .....	Mrs. G. Zahn .....	5.00
Scio .....	Mrs. John Frey .....	6.00
St. Louis .....	Mrs. Carl Fritz .....	2.00
Saginaw (St. John's) .....	Mrs. Carl Fritz .....	1.50
Bay City (St. John's) .....	Mrs. Theresa Bartenbaker .....	2.50
Bay City (St. John's) .....	Mrs. Theresa Bartenbaker .....	1.00
Bay City (St. John's) .....	Miss Adeline Loll .....	5.00
Bay City (St. John's) .....	Miss Adeline Loll .....	3.00
Tawas .....	Mrs. Carl Fritz .....	1.00
Allegan .....	William Pehlke .....	4.50
Allegan .....	Mrs. Julius Maskey .....	3.50
Owosso .....	Mrs. Augusta Arnold of Bay City .....	3.00
Chesaning .....	Mrs. Geo. Koch .....	1.00
Toledo (Apostle's) .....	Mrs. J. Stoll .....	5.00
Toledo (Apostle's) .....	Mrs. J. Stoll .....	4.00
Bay City (Bethel) .....	Henry Schank .....	2.00
Flint (Emanuel's) .....	Albert J. Schulz .....	12.00
Flint (Emanuel's) .....	Albert J. Schulz .....	5.00

E. WENK, Cashier.

**NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT**

January, February, March, 1940

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
Behm, E. G., St. Paul, Forest .....	\$ 235.33	\$
Behm, E. G., St. John, Forest .....	102.11	
Bergfeld, Fred, Beth., Bruce's Cross., Mich. ....	41.58	
Bergmann, P. G., Trinity, Menasha .....	208.42	
Boettcher, Imm. P., Grace, Sugar Bush .....	104.25	
Boettcher, Imm. P., Christus, Maple Creek .....		
Boettcher, I. P., Immanuel, Maple Creek .....		

Brandt, F. and Sauer, T., St. Paul, Appleton	1,000.00	14.65	Roepke, W., St. Paul, Green Garden	.....	
Braun, M. A., Parochie Centerville	300.81	70.00	Rupp, E. Emanuel, S't Ste. Marie, Mich.	28.57	
Brenner, Th., St. Peter, Freedom	214.82		Sauer, M. F., Trinity, Brillion	322.83	
Croll, Melvin W., St. John, Florence	.....		Schaefer, Gerh. A., St. Peter, Collins	307.70	
Dowidat, John, St. Luke, Oakfield	61.39		Schink, W. F., St. Peter, Haven	.....	
Eckert, Harold H., St. John, Reedsville	649.33		Schlavensky, Norman, Immanuel, Eaton	25.20	
Eggert, Paul C., Friedens, Abrams	11.00		Schlavensky, Norman, Christ, Fontenoy	100.80	
Eggert, Paul C., St. Paul, Brookside	15.00		Schlueter, E. B., Grace, Oshkosh	322.43	
Eggert, Paul C., St. John, Little Suamico	6.00		Schneider, A. E., St. John, E. Bloomfield	102.25	
Engel, A. L., Church of Our Savior, Lena	11.65		Schroeder, E. C., Trinity, Liberty	.....	
Fischer, G. W., St. John, Grover	136.94		Schroeder, Frederick, Trinity, Red Granite	.....	
Fleischer, M. A., Zion, Ripon	12.40		Schroeder, Frederick, St. Paul, Berlin	24.02	2.41
Fuhlbrigge, W. G., Trinity, Coleman	90.00		Schulz, C. P., Immanuel, Mosel	.....	
Fuhlbrigge, W. G., St. Matthew, Beaver	.....		Schulz, J., Zion, Van Dyne	94.50	
Gentz, A. A., Trinity, Marinette	2.00		Schumann, F., St. Peter, Sawyer	128.71	
Geyer, K., Zion, Peshtigo	76.40		Siegler, V. J., Salem, Nasewaupsee	76.25	
Gieschen, Paul J., Zion, Rhinelander	12.75	20.45	Strohschein, Walter, Trinity, Dundee	263.94	
Gieschen, Walter A., St. Paul, Green Bay	198.12	11.48	Strohschein, Walter, Friedens, Waucoma	.....	
Gieschen, W. W., Friedens, Wautoma	64.82		Strohschein, W., Immanuel, Campbellsport	16.23	
Gladosch, Br., Zion, Morrison	417.20	21.10	Struck, Gerhard, St. John, Maribel	314.52	
Gose, Roy B., Zion, Jacksonport	69.49	6.80	Thurow, Theo., Christ, Menominee, Mich.	103.12	
Grunwald, Harold, Zion, Louis Corners	.....		Tiefel, Geo., St. Peter, Stambaugh, Mich.	77.18	
Haase, W. G., St. John, Two Rivers	341.02		Tiefel, Geo., Zion, Crystal Falls, Mich.	8.22	
Haase, W. G., St. John, Sandy Bay	2.78		Tiefel, Geo., St. Stephen, Channing, Mich.	.....	
Habermann, A., Friedens, Hartland	20.00		Toepel, K. F., St. Paul, Algoma	1,179.05	110.00
Habermann, A., St. Paul, Angelica	11.00		Uetzmann, F. C., St. John, Wrightstown	180.54	26.77
Hartwig, Wm. J., St. John, Montello	48.47		Uetzmann, I. G., Grace, Pickett	.....	
Hartwig, Wm. J., Immanuel, Mecan	30.01		Uetzmann, I. G., Immanuel, Oshkosh	20.00	
Henning, Carl J., Grace, Crivitz	56.83		Uetzmann, Th., Immanuel, Manitowoc	.....	
Henning, Carl J., St. John, Athelstane	4.27		Valleskey, Wilmer, St. Paul, Greenleaf	.....	
Henning, Otto C., St. John, Sewastopol	77.40		Valleskey, Wilmer, Bartholomew, Kasson	5.00	30.00
Hensel, M., St. Peter, Weyauwega	304.12	15.00	Voigt, A. W., Immanuel, Shirley	146.00	5.50
Hinnenthal, E., Emanuel, Forestville	3.50		Voigt, A. W., St. Paul, Pine Grove	20.82	
Hoffmann, Th., St. Paul, Gladstone, Mich.	54.00		Wadzinski, Wm., St. Paul, Manchester	127.08	
Hoffmann, Th., Martini, Rap. River, Mich.	13.61		Wadzinski, Wm., St. Paul, Marquette	1.57	4.83
Hopp, H., Holy Cross, Daggett, Mich.	.....		Warnke, Harold, St. John, Princeton	215.58	
Hopp, H., St. Mark, Carbondale, Mich.	.....		Werner, A., St. John, Center	62.39	
Hoyer, O., St. Paul, Winneconne	170.21		Weyland, F. C., St. Peter, Winchester	1.25	
Hoyer, O., Zion, Town Omro	35.20		Weyland, F. C., Zion, Readfield	22.29	
Johnson, S., St. Matthew, Appleton	118.78		Weyland, F. C., St. John, Caledonia	6.02	
Kahrs, H., Grace, Powers-Spalding, Mich.	41.48		Wichmann, W. F., Mt. Calvary, Kimberly	76.92	
Kahrs, H., Trinity, Hermansville, Mich.	12.10		Wicke, Harold, Bethlehem, Hortonville	195.05	
Kaniess, G., St. Luke, Kewaskum	308.62		Wojahn, W. A., St. Paul, Eldorado	58.71	
Kaspar, L., Immanuel, Greenville	241.20		Wojahn, W. A., St. Peter, Eldorado	44.65	
Kaspar, L., Immanuel, Clayton	55.90		Zell, Ed., St. Peter, Mishicot	.....	
Kionka, Ed. H., St. John, Newton	249.63		Zell, Ed., Rockwood	17.50	
Kionka, Ed. H., St. Paul, Newton	29.21		Zell, Ed., Jambo Creek	7.00	
Kleinhaus, H. O., Martin Luther, Oshkosh	.....	60.04	Ziesemer, R., Mt. Olive, Appleton	425.95	
Kleinhaus, H. O., Trinity, Mears Corners	.....		Zink, W., St. Paul, Dale	245.77	
Kleinke, W., St. John, Gibson	104.07		Rhineland Conference	6.00	
Kleinke, W., St. John, Two Creeks	35.31		Winnebago Conference	5.75	
Kobs, Geo., St. John, Markesan	447.06	20.00	Totals	\$17,550.42	\$ 487.46
Koeninger, L. Erste Ev. Luth., Manitowoc	1,393.00				
Koepsell, W., St. Paul, Crandon	28.80				
Koepsell, W., Friedens, Argonne	8.22				
Koepsell, W., First English, Hiles	6.91				
Krubsack, J., Christ, Eagle River	41.53	15.00			
Krubsack, J., Three Lakes	11.50				
Kuether, H. A., St. Paul, Sheboygan Falls	192.11				
Kuether, W. A., Immanuel, Kewaunee	102.79				
Kuether, W. A., St. Peter, Carlton	26.40				
Lawrenz, Carl, St. Paul, No. Fond du Lac	313.14				
Lederer, R., Erste Ev. Luth., Green Bay	450.00	42.23			
Lehman, L. G., St. Paul, Bark River, Mich.	21.28				
Lemke, H. J., St. Peter, Manistique, Mich.	3.00				
Lemke, H. J., Grace, Germfask, Mich.	.....				
Lutz, W. F., Salem, Escanaba, Mich.	131.00				
Masch, John, Immanuel, Black Creek	64.66				
Oehlert, Paul Th., Trinity, Kaukauna	544.10				
Pankow, E. P., Frieden, Green Lake, Wis.	63.11				
Pankow, W. E., Immanuel, New London	147.95				
Pieper, G., St. Peter, Fond du Lac	499.76				
Pussehl, H. E., Grace, Monico	7.11	.20			
Pussehl, H. E., St. John, Enterprise	21.13	2.00			
Raetz, F. W., Trinity, Wabeno	28.00				
Raetz, F. W., Laona	.....				
Redlin, E., Trinity, Ellington	176.00	2.75			
Redlin, E., St. Paul, Stephenville	46.40				
Redlin, T. W., Zion, Kingston	70.39				
Redlin, T. W., St. John, Salemville	37.24				
Reier, F. A., Immanuel, Waupaca	25.00				
Reim, Edmund, Trinity, Neenah	636.57				
Reuschel, J., St. John, Dundas	208.37	1.00			
Roepke, W., Trinity, Marquette, Mich.	.....				

Due to the fact that Zion Congregation at Rhinelander, Wis., Paul J. Gieschen pastor, did in October, 1939, surpass its quota for the synodical year, all monies collected since that time have been sent directly to the Synod Debt Retirement Committee. All future collections until the end of the fiscal year will also be remitted directly to this committee.

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**Memorial Wreaths**  
**January, February, March, 1940**

(These items are included in above report)

In Memory of	Through Reverend	Amount
Mrs. Otto Bathke	L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc	25.00
August Bellin	F. M. Brandt, Appleton	5.50
Victor Bohl	E. Redlin, Ellington	19.25
Miriam Bourcier	Hy. E. Pussehl, Pelican Lake	2.00
Prof. F. Brenner	Theo. Brenner, Freedom	18.50
Otto Bruechert	W. G. Haase, Two Rivers	3.50
Mrs. John Bubolz, Sr.	Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville	3.00
Mrs. Minnie Buck	Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville	1.00
Mrs. W. Deutchmann	E. Redlin, Stephenville	3.00
Rev. Chris. Doehler	Theo. Hoffmann, Gladstone	5.00
Rev. Chris. Doehler	Winnebago Conference	5.75
Rev. Chris. Doehler	W. G. Haase, Two Rivers	10.00
Rev. Chris. Doehler	Wm. F. Lutz, Escanaba	10.00
Caroline Fontanna	Theo. Hoffmann, Gladstone	2.00
Mrs. Franz Gauger	Fred Struck, Maribel	2.00
Mrs. L. Haap	R. Lederer, Green Bay	5.00
Mrs. Albert Habeck	A. A. Gentz, Marinette	2.00
Mrs. Lizzie Hehn	G. W. Fischer, Peshtigo	2.00
Walter Jindra	W. G. Haase, Two Rivers	6.00

Mrs. Julia Jorgensen	O. T. Hoyer, Winneconne	7.00
Albert Kahrs	H. A. Kahrs, Powers	6.00
Minnie Keyser	Theo. Hoffmann, Gladstone	2.00
Frank Kline	W. J. Koepsell, Crandon	5.00
Ernest Koelpin	E. B. Schlueter, Oshkosh	3.00
Leroy Kohl	L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc	6.00
Mrs. Fred Kraft	F. C. Weyland, Larsen	1.25
Mrs. Sophie Krohn	W. Kleinke, Mishicot, Wis	5.00
Chas. S. Kuehl	W. A. Kuetner, Kewaunee	4.25
Mrs. Otto Lehman	Paul J. Gieschen, Rhinelander	1.25
Mrs. Herman Maertz	Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville	1.00
Mrs. Augusta Mathies	Gerh. Struck, Maribel	1.00
Herman Meyer	Paul J. Gieschen, Rhinelander	11.50
Emil Miller	E. C. Hinnenthal, Forestville	3.50
Wm. Miller, Sr.	Theo. Hoffmann, Gladstone	2.00
Mrs. Wm. Mueller	R. Lederer, Green Bay	5.00
Palmer Raetz	Rhineland, Wisconsin Conf.	6.00
Palmer Raetz	F. W. Raetz, Wabeno	28.00
Hugo Rahn, Jr.	Harold H. Eckert, Reedsville	7.00
Phillip Sasman	John Masch, Black Creek	7.00
Mild. Schwichtenberg	V. J. Siegler, Maplewood	8.00
Mrs. Albert Voecks	F. M. Brandt, Appleton	9.15
Walter Wernecke	L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc	12.00
Erhardt Waack	L. H. Koeninger, Manitowoc	1.00
Mrs. Leonard Zabel	M. Hensel, Weyauwega	15.00
Total		\$ 288.40

ALBERT VOECKS, Treasurer.

Appleton, Wis., April 6, 1940.

**MINNESOTA DISTRICT**  
December, 1939 to February, 1940  
**Red Wing Conference**

Reverend	Budgetary	Non-Budgetary
Theo. Haar, Bear Valley	\$ 117.00	\$ 4.00
E. G. Hertler, Brownsville	3.70	
R. Jeske, Caledonia	523.60	
R. F. Schroeder, Dexter	114.55	
Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac	171.87	
T. E. Kock, Goodhue	77.06	
F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, Grace	73.45	
F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, St. John's	182.56	
E. G. Hertler, Hokah	23.06	
E. G. Hertler, La Crescent	162.24	
T. H. Albrecht, Lake City	443.30	38.71
C. A. Hinz, Mason City	9.71	
Theo. Haar, Mazeppa	168.75	3.00
A. Eickmann, Nodine	253.16	19.49
M. C. Kunde, Oronoco	52.83	
M. C. Kunde, Poplar Grove	25.49	
J. R. Baumann, Red Wing	306.07	
R. Jeske, Union	97.20	
H. F. Muenkel, Wabasha	16.81	7.00
Karl A. Nolting, West Florence	164.00	
Paul E. Horn, Zumbrota	279.00	10.00
	\$3,265.41	\$ 82.20

**Mankato Conference**

R. J. Palmer, Alma City	157.25	6.00
W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine	632.48	
A. Jul. Dysterheft, Helen	42.00	
L. F. Brandes, Jordan	344.50	20.00
H. E. Kelm, Lanesburg	193.94	
O. K. Netzke, Madison Lake	18.86	5.00
A. Ackermann, Mankato	671.16	93.65
R. A. Haase, North Mankato	40.00	
A. H. Mackdanz, St. Clair	141.17	5.00
Ernst C. Birkholz, St. James	142.00	6.30
O. K. Netzke, Smith's Mill	15.41	5.00
	\$2,398.77	\$ 140.95

**St. Croix Valley Conference**

O. P. Medenwald, Amery	142.00	
Wm. Franzmann, Baytown	83.90	
Aug. W. Saremba, Cady	58.20	7.68
Otto E. Klett, Centuria	21.62	3.50
O. P. Medenwald, Clear Lake	17.45	
E. H. Bruns, Delano	216.80	
L. W. Meyer, Farmington	165.07	
Wm. Franzmann, Grant	30.00	20.00
A. H. Baer, Hastings	76.12	
Paul T. Bast, Minneapolis	33.00	

Paul C. Dowidat, Minneapolis	1,051.59	
R. C. Ave Lallemand, North St. Paul	150.00	
P. R. Kurth, Nye	23.64	5.00
P. R. Kurth, Osceola	10.00	9.50
E. W. Penk, Prescott	23.00	21.00
P. R. Kurth, St. Croix Falls	8.42	
Otto E. Klett, St. Croix Falls, Redeemer	8.22	1.28
G. A. Ernst, St. Paul	362.71	
A. E. Frey, St. Paul	2.00	
A. C. Haase, St. Paul	838.31	116.57
C. P. Kock, St. Paul	3.00	
J. Plocher, St. Paul	508.55	95.83
A. W. Koehler, So. St. Paul	109.62	50.00
J. W. F. Pieper, Somerset	3.66	
J. W. F. Pieper, Stillwater	75.00	
A. W. Saremba, Weston	171.00	2.75
H. E. Lietzau, Woodbury	69.00	
E. M. Schroeder, Woodville	54.00	10.00
	\$4,315.88	\$ 343.11

**Redwood Falls Conference**

R. Heidmann, Arlington	283.00	10.00
A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills	241.93	25.00
A. W. Blauert, Danube	136.93	
Theodor Bauer, Echo	271.38	
C. C. Kuske, Emmet	90.74	14.00
G. F. Zimmermann, Essig	51.96	
Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax	362.50	3.00
C. C. Kuske, Flora	32.75	9.75
Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon	82.70	41.50
M. J. Wehausen, Morton	345.35	
A. W. Blauert, Olivia	73.35	
A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro	137.45	61.35
Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls	252.51	
Aug. Sauer, Renville	177.96	
G. F. Zimmermann, Ridgely	40.43	6.58
G. R. Schuetze, Seaforth	22.71	
G. R. Schuetze, Sheridan	101.84	30.03
E. G. Fritz, Wellington	297.00	18.00
Aug. Sauer, Winfield	25.00	15.00
C. W. A. Kuehner, Withrop	140.30	41.00
F. E. Traub, Wood Lake	396.84	9.97
	\$3,564.63	\$ 285.18

**Crow River Valley Conference**

W. G. Voigt, Acoma	335.06	
E. R. Berwald, Buffalo	149.23	
E. A. Binger, Clinton	26.40	5.00
Alvin Leerssen, Crawfords Lake	70.60	
M. Schuetze, Ellsworth	100.00	
Im. F. Lenz, Graceville	138.50	
H. C. Duehlmeier, Hancock	121.19	
W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson	397.85	99.16
Arthur P. C. Kell, Hutchinson, Trinity	101.81	
Chr. Albrecht, Johnson	189.71	28.59
Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield	406.31	17.50
W. P. Haar, Loretto	248.57	
M. J. Lenz, Monticello	10.87	
Alvin Leerssen, Montrose	37.30	
W. C. Nickels, Pelican Lake	112.72	
S. Baer, Rockford	187.71	
	\$2,633.83	\$ 150.25

**New Ulm Conference**

H. C. Sprenger, Balaton	270.20	18.00
A. J. Maas, Brighton	83.06	
A. J. Maas, Courtland	10.30	
J. C. A. Gehm, Darfur	41.50	
H. A. Scherf, Eden	68.00	
Paul W. Spaude, Lake Benton	124.27	3.86
W. Frank, Morgan	79.63	
G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm	1,095.75	53.90
F. Koehler, Nicollet	470.01	
R. Schierenbeck, Sanborn	183.00	
G. Theo. Albrecht, St. Peter	231.00	
Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye	501.00	48.25
Paul W. Spaude, Verdi	82.92	1.35
Karl Brickmann, Vesta	56.68	
	\$3,297.32	\$ 125.36

Grand Total \$19,475.84 \$1,127.05

Memorial Wreaths

For	From Rev.	Amount
Mrs. Peter Allers	T. E. Kock, Goodhue	\$ 16.00
Mrs. H. Zarth	L. F. Brandes, Jordan	2.00
Esther Kock	A. E. Frey, St. Paul	2.00
Esther Kock	Mrs. H. F. Vogt, Treas., Mt. Olive Guild, St. Paul	3.00
Dan. Koegbein	Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax	3.00
Augusta Stresemann	C. W. A. Kuehner, Winthrop	15.00
Mrs. Arthur Arndt	Im. F. Lenz, Graceville	2.50
	H. C. Sprenger, Balaton	9.75
Herman Kroschel	Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye	3.00
Mrs. Peter Allers	T. E. Kock, Goodhue	.50
Herman Rademacher	T. H. Albrecht, Lake City	2.00
Louis C. Manthei	Theo. Haar, Mazeppa	3.75
Mrs. Hadler	P. E. Horn, Zumbrota	15.00
Mrs. Hookie	P. E. Horn, Zumbrota	5.00
A. L. Wendt	O. P. Medenwald, Amery	17.00
Mrs. A. Kempf	Wm. Franzmann, Baytown	35.00
Mrs. Anna Yahn	J. Plocher, St. Paul	3.00
Mrs. Magdal. Miller	J. Plocher, St. Paul	3.00
Mrs. John Soeffker	R. Heidmann, Arlington	12.00
F. W. Behning	R. Heidmann, Arlington	12.00
L. Blake's stillborn baby	R. Heidmann, Arlington	4.00
Hy. C. Bening	R. Heidmann, Arlington	13.00
Sarah Kaiser	A. W. Blauert, Danube	3.00
Fred Burdorf	Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon	16.50
Mrs. Wm. Blauert, Sr.	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm	53.90
Mrs. Wilhelm. Boock	G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm	34.00
John Daehn	Alma E. Daehn, St. Peter	4.00
Prof. Aug. F. Zich	A. Jul. Dysterheft, Helen	5.00
Prof. W. Blauert	A. Jul. Dysterheft, Helen	5.00
Wm. Wilmert	A. Jul. Dysterheft, Helen	5.00
Mrs. Anna Sodermann	A. Jul. Dysterheft, Helen	2.50
E. W. Schroeder	L. F. Brandes, Jordan	21.50
Albert Hartwig	Otto E. Klett, Centuria	7.50
Mrs. L. Lothert	M. J. Wehausen, Morton	14.00
Rud. Steinke	A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro	20.55
Theo. Schmalz	C. W. A. Kuehner, Winthrop	13.50
Herman Marquardt	W. G. Voigt, Acoma	1.00
Mrs. Meinert Von As- wege, Sr.	Chr. Albrecht, Johnson	25.00
Fred Langkand	Chr. Albrecht, Johnson	7.30
Mrs. Folk Folkerds	H. C. Sprenger, Balaton	8.00
Mrs. Hulda Patterson	H. C. Sprenger, Balaton	12.00
August Timm	Mrs. H. L. Braze, Treas., Ladies' Aid, Sanborn	3.00
Prof. Aug. F. Zich	W. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye	6.50
Louis Grundinger	W. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye	3.00
John Tiebesch	W. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye	1.50
Herman O. Siegler	W. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye	8.75

\$ 463.50

H. R. KURTH,  
District Treasurer.

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

January, February, March, 1940

Reverend	Amount
H. F. Backer, Chaseburg	\$ 204.75
H. F. Backer, T. Hamburg	44.00
J. C. Bast, McMillan	82.00
J. C. Bast, March	39.50
Wm. Baumann, Hay Creek	23.83
H. E. Bentrup, Bad Axe Valley	211.59
Arthur Berg, Sparta	370.21
Alvin Berg, Norwalk	69.15
C. E. Berg, Ridgeville	105.95
L. C. Bernthal, T. Trenton	103.85
R. C. Biesemann, T. Stettin	32.50
L. M. Bleichwehl, Little Falls	62.50
E. Blumenthal, Wausau	61.53
A. H. Dobberstein, Tuckertown	12.60
A. H. Dobberstein, Lime Ridge	4.50
A. G. Dornfeld, Fox Lake	60.29
M. F. Drews, Oak Grove	210.81
F. F. Ehlert, Eitzen	32.50
A. J. Engel, Pardeeville	100.00
Otto Engel, Richwood	79.74
Otto Engel, Hubbleton	58.14
S. Fenske, Bruce	13.61
G. T. Fischer, Bloomer	78.00

G. T. Fischer, Eagleton	50.00
Gerhard Fischer, Mosquito Hill	42.00
Gerhard Fischer, Savanna	100.00
E. C. Fredrich, Helenville	323.94
Henry Geiger, Leeds	100.54
G. Gerth, T. Merrimac	9.00
G. Gerth, Caledonia	4.00
G. Gerth, Greenfield	14.00
Henry Gieschen, Fort Atkinson	1,257.75
F. Gilbert, Hustler	29.10
M. Glaeser, Wonewoc	557.39
W. E. Gutzke, La Crosse	17.77
I. J. Habeck, Medford	295.63
A. Hanke, T. Norton	40.00
J. Henning, Jr., T. Dallas	53.77
J. Henning, Jr., Prairie Farm	406.22
M. J. Hillemann, Marshall	43.70
R. C. Hillemann, Ixonia	287.98
O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake	61.75
O. E. Hoffmann, T. Greenwood	9.50
R. C. Horlamus, Hurley	97.30
R. C. Horlamus, Mercer	33.13
Wm. Keturakat, Sun Prairie	66.08
H. C. Kirchner, Baraboo	1,175.00
L. C. Kirst, Beaver Dam	388.25
J. Klingmann and Wm. Eggert, Watertown	941.12
O. W. Koch, Lowell	575.08
E. E. Kolander, Marathon	104.00
R. P. Korn, Lewiston	193.59
G. O. Krause, Little Black	14.58
G. O. Krause, Stetsonville	102.50
W. R. Krueger, Friesland	46.87
W. R. Krueger, Dalton	21.70
N. E. Paustian, Ixonia	31.77
H. Kuckhahn, St. Charles	18.75
O. P. Kuehl, Cambria	41.64
O. Kuhlrow, Jefferson	1,575.00
C. F. Kurzweg, Cream	25.90
M. F. Liesener, Tageville	75.00
Phil. Lehmann, Ableman	35.85
W. C. Limpert, Altura	48.12
F. W. Loeper, Whitewater	147.35
F. W. Loeper, Richmond	100.00
A. W. Loock, T. Knapp	8.90
P. Lorenz, Watertown	100.00
Theo. Mahnke, Madison	100.00
G. C. Marquardt, Ringle	42.64
G. C. Marquardt, Schofield	139.70
A. L. Mennicke, Winona	174.78
F. H. Miller, Platteville	30.70
J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonie	100.00
Paul Monhardt, South Ridge	92.00
R. W. Mueller, Wilson	12.82
R. W. Mueller, Ridgeway	272.87
Theo. J. Mueller, La Crosse	58.94
H. C. Nitz, Waterloo	475.26
Herb. Nommensen, Spirit	42.18
Herb. Nommensen, Prentice	27.69
M. J. Nommensen, Juneau	299.90
W. O. Nommensen, Green Valley	17.06
W. O. Nommensen, Rozellville	36.31
Wm. Nommensen, Columbus	1,024.05
A. W. Paap, Johnson Creek	9.78
H. A. Pankow, Beyer Settlement	69.58
H. A. Pankow, Poplar Creek	38.90
H. A. Pankow, Iron Creek	68.74
J. H. Paustian, Barre Mills	193.81
N. E. Paustian, Oconomowoc	143.23
W. A. Paustian, Onalaska	54.77
E. E. Prenzlow, Cornell, Keystone and Birch Creek	133.40
J. M. Raasch, Lake Mills	453.10
E. C. Schewe, Brodhead	11.66
A. W. Sauer, Winona	817.86
H. Schaller, Tomah	211.51
W. E. Schulz, T. Berlin	70.00
H. C. Schumacher, Milton	21.25
Adolph Schumann, Globe	27.75
W. A. Schumann, La Crosse	944.16
J. H. Schwartz, West Salem	136.86
F. H. Senger, Arcadia	77.04
C. W. Siegler, Portland	23.63
C. W. Siegler, Bangor	130.00
R. A. Siegler, Whitehall	22.00
M. Taras, Lebanon	43.92

K. A. Timmel, Watertown .....	460.00
Carleton Toppe, Auburn .....	69.96
Carleton Toppe, Brush Prairie .....	66.53
Gustav Vater, North Freedom .....	31.00
Aug. Vollbrecht, Fountain City .....	66.46
E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids .....	147.20
H. M. Warnke, Doylestown .....	142.55
H. M. Warnke, Fountain Prairie .....	26.78
H. M. Warnke, Fall River .....	24.40
W. Weissgerber, Minocqua .....	73.45
W. Weissgerber, Woodruff .....	36.50
W. Weissgerber, Winchester .....	11.40
A. A. Winter, Mauston .....	41.00
A. A. Winter, New Lisbon .....	7.75
L. A. Winter, Eau Galle .....	134.45
L. A. Winter, Plum City .....	116.74
L. A. Winter, Elmwood .....	37.16
R. F. Wolff, Cambridge .....	5.00
W. E. Zank, Newville .....	155.20
W. E. Zank, T. Deerfield .....	139.65
H. R. Zimmermann, Randolph .....	140.70

Budgetary .....	\$20,012.73
Non-Budgetary .....	304.07
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$20,316.80</b>

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**Memorial Wreath**

In Memory of	
Mrs. Bertha Schultz (Rev. T. H. Fenske, Bruce) ....	\$ 4.00
Mrs. Geo. Jahn (Rev. E. C. Fredrich, Helenville) ....	5.00
Mrs. W. Laubscher, Sr. (Rev. M. Glaeser, Wonewoc) ..	8.50
Leon Eden (Rev. M. Glaeser, Wonewoc) .....	2.00
Mrs. Albert Habeck (Rev. I. J. Habeck, Medford) ....	21.00
Mrs. O. Hasenfuss, Sr. (Rev. I. J. Habeck, Medford) ..	1.00
Fred Imm (Rev. I. J. Habeck, Medford) .....	3.00
Robert Batzer (Rev. O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake) ....	11.25
Mrs. A. Voeks (Rev. R. C. Horlamus, Hurley) .....	1.00
Rev. H. Knuth (Rev. R. C. Horlamus, Mercer) .....	3.00
George Isenberg (Rev. H. C. Kirchner, Baraboo) ....	510.00
Rev. R. F. Wolff (Central Conference, Rev. O. W. Koch, Lowell) ..	20.00
Rev. August Paetz (Central Conference, Rev. O. W. Koch, Lowell) ..	20.00
Mrs. Geo. Schmutzler (Rev. E. E. Kolander, Marathon) ..	3.00
Theo. Lawrenz (Rev. R. P. Korn, Lewiston) .....	24.87
Mrs. O. Hoffmann (Rev. G. O. Krause, Stetsonville) ..	17.80
Fred C. Block (Rev. A. L. Mennicke, Winona) .....	11.25
Mrs. F. Boetcher (Rev. J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonie) ..	5.00
Frank Draeger (Rev. H. C. Nitz, Waterloo) .....	13.25
Milo Foll (Rev. H. C. Nitz, Waterloo) .....	4.00
Mary Labus (Rev. J. H. Schwartz, West Salem) ....	7.76
Wm. Otto (Rev. H. R. Zimmermann, Randolph) .....	2.00
Wm. Hanke (Rev. R. C. Biesmann, T. Stettin) .....	20.00
Mrs. Mary Hanke (Rev. R. C. Biesmann, T. Stettin) ..	12.50
Rev. August Paetz (Rev. I. J. Habeck, Medford) ....	1.00
Rev. C. J. Gutekunst (Rev. R. C. Horlamus, Hurley) ..	15.00
Mrs. Helen Streich (Rev. A. L. Mennicke, Winona) ..	3.00
Rev. Chr. Doehler (Rev. A. L. Mennicke, Winona) ..	3.00
Mrs. Ed. E. Priem (Rev. Wm. Nommensen, Columb.) ..	10.50
Fred Schwartz (Rev. Wm. Nommensen, Columbus) ..	10.10
Tante Friedericke Behnke (Rev. Richard Siegler, R. I, La Crosse) ..	20.00
Tante Friedericke Behnke (Rev. J. H. Paustian, Barre Mills) ..	7.00
Aug. Ludeking (Rev. H. Schaller, Tomah) .....	3.00
Ferdinand Loding (Rev. J. H. Schwartz, W. Salem) ..	.25
Louis Krohn (Rev. J. H. Schwartz, West Salem) ....	.25
Friedericke Behnke (Rev. J. H. Schwartz, W. Salem) ..	2.50
Miss W. Behnke (Rev. Aug. Vollbrecht, Ft. City) .....	3.00
Wm. Schroeder (Rev. H. F. Backer, Chaseburg) ....	4.75
Roy Munger (Rev. A. Berg, Sparta) .....	3.00
Scott Edwards (Rev. A. Berg, Sparta) .....	3.00
Mrs. Oscar Koeppel (Rev. E. C. Fredrich, Helenville) ..	5.00
Mrs. Rud. Probst (Rev. E. C. Fredrich, Helenville) ..	4.50
Mrs. Emil Kopplin (Rev. Otto Engel, Watertown) .....	2.00
Mrs. Louis Wagner (Rev. Hy. Geiger, Morrisonville) ..	1.00
Mrs. M. Dexheimer (Rev. H. Gieschen, Ft. Atkinson) ..	27.00
Peter Miller (Rev. J. Henning, Jr., Prairie Farm) ....	71.00
Mrs. Ch. Bilse (Rev. J. Henning, Jr., Prairie Farm) ..	7.50
Mrs. E. Kottke (Rev. J. Henning, Jr., Prairie Farm) ..	5.50
Mrs. K. Lieberherr (Rev. J. Henning, Jr., Pr. Farm) ..	17.50
L. A. Briese (Rev. L. C. Kirst, Beaver Dam) .....	

August Tetzlaff (Rev. O. P. Kuehl, Cambria) .....	1.00
Maureen Indermuehle (Rev. M. J. Nommensen, Juneau) .....	4.00
Mrs. H. Priem (Rev. Wm. Nommensen, Columbus) .....	.50
Mrs. E. Karsten (Rev. W. Nommensen, Columbus) .....	12.50
Mrs. G. Bechtold (Rev. W. Nommensen, Columbus) ..	8.25
Henry Luetzow (Rev. W. Nommensen, Columbus) ..	2.00
Mrs. Herm. Wagner (Rev. H. Pankow, Elk Mound) .....	2.50
Wilhelmine Hennekens (Rev. E. Prenzlou, Cornell) ..	1.85
Mrs. Wm. Christ (Rev. J. M. Raasch, Lake Mills) ....	5.00
Mrs. Elizabeth Tresher (Rev. A. W. Sauer, Winona) ..	29.50
Fred Sonnemann (Rev. A. W. Sauer, Winona) .....	4.00
Geo. Koeninger (Rev. H. Schaller, Tomah) .....	1.00
Henry Herzfeld (Rev. F. H. Senger, Arcadia) .....	1.00
Mrs. Henry Horstman (Rev. C. W. Siegler, Bangor) ..	12.50
Miss Behnke (Rev. K. A. Timmel, Watertown) .....	1.00

H. J. KOCH, Treas.

**CONDENSED TREASURER'S STATEMENTS  
FOR MARCH, 1940**

Cash on hand July 1, 1939 .....		\$ 39.40
Receipts from Districts .....		245,060.66
Revenues .....		42,331.98
Extraordinary Receipts:		
Previously reported .....	\$ 301.49	
Mrs. M. M., Milw., for Missions .....	20.00	
Rudolph Yanke for Missions .....	3.00	
E. F. A. Riess for Missions .....	9.00	
Erna Kuehl, Indigent Students .....	5.00	
		338.49
Disbursements .....		\$287,770.53
		299,345.61
Deficit .....		*\$ 11,575.08
<b>Budget Debt</b>		
Debt on July 1, 1939 .....		\$198,393.75
Receipts from D. R. C. .....	3,900.00	
Collection for Debts .....	1,715.66	
Minn. Sale of lot .....	504.20	
	\$ 6,119.86	
Debts paid .....	27,302.45	27,302.45
		\$171,091.30
Available for debts .....	none	
Inmates Deposits received .....		450.09
Loans made .....		23,624.44
New Loan from D. R. C. .....		5,000.00
Accts. Payable .....		5,781.83
Budget Debt on March 30, 1940 .....		\$205,947.66
<b>Church Extension Debt</b>		
Debt on July 1, 1939 .....		\$122,405.29
Cash Balance, June 30, 1939 .....	35.41	
Repayments .....	6,671.78	
Interest .....	1,534.50	
Collections .....	940.28	
	\$ 9,181.97	
C. E. Debt paid .....	6,265.00	6,265.00
Available for Debt .....	\$ 2,916.97	
C. E. Debt on March 30, 1940 .....		\$116,140.29
<b>Total Debt</b>		
Budget Debt .....		\$184,265.74
C. E. Debt .....		116,140.29
		\$300,406.03
Inmates Deposits .....		15,900.09
Accounts Payable .....		5,781.83
Total Debt on March 30, 1940 .....		\$322,087.95
<b>Chapel Money</b>		
Balance on February 29, 1940 .....	\$ 1,557.13	
Receipts for March .....	370.70	
Total .....		\$ 1,927.83

THEO. H. BUUCK, Treas.