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REVELATION 20 — AND — THE MILLENNIUM

THE old fallacious belief in a millennium which, in the main, holds that Christ will come from heaven at His next appearance in order to raise the saints from their graves, and then to reign with them upon earth for a thousand years (millennium) is still taught and defended in our day. It would seem that the number of chiliasts is on the increase as the Day of Judgment draws near. Few sectarian writers are free from this error.

Revelation 20

To support their idle dream and gain converts for their doctrine millennialists often quote the 20th chapter of the Book of Revelation, "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years." —

Does this passage teach or even faintly support the doctrine of the millennium? Apart from the fact that the Scriptures as such nowhere teach chiliasm, we may observe that this doctrine is inconsistent with this 20th chapter of Revelation.

The Millennium Inconsistent With Revelation 20

The millennialists suppose that the *saints* — and only the saints — will be raised in a bodily resurrection when Christ next appears to live and reign with Him on earth for a thousand years; and that Christ's visible kingdom will be established in great glory, in peace, good will, and felicity here on earth for the duration of the millennium. But this chapter of Revelation points to a state of great impiety and godlessness, it points to a general insurrection and open rebellion against Christ in the four quarters of the world at the close of the time when, as the chiliasts suppose, Christ shall have reigned on earth with His saints. When the thousand years are expired Satan shall be loosed out of his prison and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth. "And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall

be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth . . ." Rev. 20, 7. 8. How can the chiliasts account for this uprising against Christ if Christ's dominion had been established on earth for a thousand years, and if Christ and the saints had been living and reigning on earth for that time?

The chiliasts suppose the absence of pain and sorrow and conflict during the millennial period. But the Book of Revelation declares the continuance of pain and sorrow even to the end of time when "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes." Rev. 21, 4.

The belief in a millennium supposes that Christ will come down from heaven to raise the bodies of His saints in order that He may reign with them where they are, here on earth; but Revelation declares that the souls of His saints are raised that they may reign with Him, *where He is*. The millennium brings Christ down to men; Revelation raises men to Christ.

The believers in a millennium suppose that Christ will leave His heavenly throne of glory in order to come and reign for a thousand years with men upon this low and little earth. This is inconsistent with the entire vision of St. John in Revelation. Jesus is revealed as ascended into heaven, sitting in glory at the right hand of God until He next appears, not to reign a thousand years upon earth but for the sake of executing judgment on all His enemies, and of raising all men from their graves, and rewarding His faithful servants with heavenly joys.

We observe that the chiliasts disparage and ignore the blessed work of Christ which He has already performed in His passion, death, resurrection, and in sending the Holy Spirit. Christ bound Satan at His first advent from heaven. Christ is the woman's Seed, who bruised the Serpent's head. He is the Stronger One who entered the strong man's house and bound him. He overcame Satan by dying on the cross, and by rising again took from him his armor and spoiled his goods. Christ was manifested for this purpose, "that He might destroy the works of the devil."

Therefore we conclude that the binding of Satan for a thousand years mentioned in Revelation 20 has been effected by Christ at His first advent, by His death and resurrection. These verses in Revelation do not speak of a millennium but rather of the completed work of redemption through our Lord Jesus Christ. The first resurrection is the regeneration of sinners to faith in Christ by the Gospel. These believers in Christ reign with Christ today over sin and Satan. Death shall not harm them but is for them the gate to heaven where they shall live and reign with Christ in perfect holiness and unending joy.

A. P. V.

EDITORIALS

*SAVE, CONSERVE, SACRIFICE!**TAKING THE NAME OF GOD IN VAIN**CHILDREN OF MIXED MARRIAGES*

Save, Conserve, Sacrifice! We have heard these little words so often that they literally ring in our ears. They are words that meet us on every hand. The very urchin of the streets knows the meaning of them. It is our government's cry to the loyal citizens of America to — "save, conserve, sacrifice" — wherever a saving can be effected, especially in sugar, gasoline, tires, and money for the purchase of defense bonds. The government has a right to ask such a thing of its citizens and the citizens will give their government their wholehearted support, particularly the Christian citizens. They know that the government can not carry on without the "man at home." It takes more than soldiers to prosecute a war, more than guns and bombs and tanks and aeroplanes and ships — it takes money, much money. And this money must come from the pockets of those citizens who are left at home. They must produce the materials with which our men at the front can fight to protect our country and our homes, our wives and children. If the citizens at home fail to give the government this support the result is disastrous. Our government would find itself unable to purchase the supplies needed by the men at the battle fronts whether on land or sea or in the air. In no time the enemy would triumph and we would become the vassals of an alien power. So, the cry: "save, conserve, sacrifice" finds ready ears.

The Christian has another home, another country, another freedom to fight for, to protect — more precious, more enduring than the mind of man is able to grasp and understand. It is a country, a home, a "city which hath foundation whose builder and maker is God." This is the everlasting Kingdom of God which Christ purchased for us with His own blood and into which we were planted by Baptism, by faith in the Savior. Our call and planting into this kingdom at the same time fills us with a holy zeal not only to remain members of it but also to spend every effort that the borders of this kingdom be ever enlarged — that more and ever more souls be gained for it. God has given us the means to do this — the Gospel and the Sacraments. He instructed us how to use these in the interest of that kingdom. He tells us: "Preach the Gospel . . . He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." That is simple. Nothing difficult or complex about it. There can be no misunderstanding as to His wish and will with reference to it. He, the great and gracious God, who saved us and put us into His kingdom, asks all members of His kingdom — *me and you* — to do this simple work. In the interest of that eternal kingdom which has an everlasting foundation the great King asks us to "save" and

"conserve" and "sacrifice" our energies, our time and our money.

No greater honor has ever come to man — me and you — than this, that the great King adjudges us worthy to be laborers together with Him and to free men by the preaching of the Gospel from the bondage of sin and hell and flesh and lead them into the kingdom of His dear Son, the eternal habitations of heaven. Who, in the face of this knowledge, would not be willing to sacrifice freely of his time and energies and money? Who, claiming a part in that kingdom and citizenship in that city, would deal miserly and niggardly with her? Nay, nay, let us "save," "conserve" and "sacrifice," if need be, to the last farthing of our ability, for our eternal fatherland.

W. J. S.

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Taking the Name of God in Vain It is nothing uncommon to hear, and even read, sentences of our countrymen punctuated with curse words. Thus, recently, a report of a military attaché, in two short sentences contained the expressions "smart as hell" and "damn friendly." In the same magazine in which this report was quoted a full-blooded Australian aborigine was mentioned as giving his impressions of an American flier who had been forced down. Said the Australian aborigine, "That feller plenty good." But he added deploringly, "Too much goddam. Me brought up along mission."

Think of what the Australian convert said. *Too much goddam.* Although in a general way he respected the American pilot very highly, yet his habit of taking the name of God in vain grated on the convert's conscience.

Are we also thus shocked by profanity? Or have we become calloused to it? Have we, perhaps, even yielded to imitating the habit?

Some 60 years ago, when German immigrants still flocked to our shores in great numbers, we overheard a conversation between some Lutheran farmers on the language difficulties the "greehorns" faced here and the way in which they overcame them. They mentioned some of the simpler English words the newly arrived usually acquire first, and one added that some soon also learn to use quite readily the word that so disturbed the Australian aborigine.

The Australian did not hesitate to voice his disapproval. Look again at his short but pointed remark. Do we also confess? Do we, by word or action, or at least by a look,

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give the curser to understand that he is doing wrong? We know that the Lord will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain (Ex. 20, 7). We owe our Lord a confession, and we owe the curser a warning. Brotherly love demands it.

What do we do to guard our youth and our children against this sin which is so common in our day? The danger of infection is growing. While in former years curse words were, as a rule, suppressed in print, they now boldly appear, and are also heard over the radio. We must watch and pray, and also with greatest care guard the souls of those whom God has entrusted to our keeping.

J. P. M.

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Children of Mixed Marriages In mixed marriages, where the husband professes adherence to one faith and the wife to another or where the one contracting party is Lutheran and the other no church member at all, the children are among the worst casualties. When one of the contracting parties is Catholic and the marriage is performed by a Catholic priest, the non-Catholic must sign an agreement that all the children of the marriage will be baptized and brought up Catholic, as has been abundantly shown in these columns in recent months. The Lutheran who is a party to such an agreement signs away the souls of his children in advance, something which can not be harmonized with the faith he or she professes.

But even where no Catholic is involved mixed marriages very often result in the spiritual neglect of the children. It is said that there are more than 10,000,000 children under the teen age in our country who receive no religious instruction at all. We have no way of knowing but we would venture the guess that a good share of them are the children of mixed marriages. Who has not heard the remark: My wife and I, or my husband and I, were brought up in different denominations and so for the sake of peace we decided to join no church and not to influence the religious views of our children in any way but to let them choose for themselves when they are old enough? That sounds very fair and broadminded, but it is the devil's brand of fairness and smacks of the broad way which leadeth to destruction. It is an irresponsible way

of toying with the immortal souls of children. Scripture says, "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." How will it sound on the Day of Judgment to say to the Lord: I did not want to take unfair advantage of my husband or my wife, and so I let the children grow up like heathen?

In some mixed marriages the parent with the stronger character or greater devotion to his or her religion decides in what church the children shall be brought up, and very often it is not the Lutheran part. Why should the Lutheran husband step aside and let his non-Lutheran wife bring up the children in her church? Isn't his Lutheran faith worth as much as his wife's faith, and is it not worth passing on to his children? Nor will the excuse of having peace in the family hold water here. The Lord does not want peace-at-any-price Christians. He wants no peace at the expense of the truth and at the expense of the souls of the children. Here applies the word of our Savior: "I am not come to send peace but a sword" — "A man's foes shall be they of his own household." I. P. F.

MY TIMES ARE IN THY HAND

When I am hopelessly at sea;
Find no hold anywhere,
Let me stretch out my hand to Thee
And know that Thou art there.

When I have lost the Homeward way
Due to my wilful pride,
Turn Thou me from the paths that stray
And keep me at Thy side.

Point my faith to the lasting things,
Focus my thoughts on Thee —
Far sight the true perspective brings —
Earth's ways then dim for me.

My times are in Thy hand, dear Lord,
Thou knowest my life's whole plan,
Teach me to trust in just Thy Word
Throughout my life's short span.

Theodora Lau.

STUDIES IN THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

By Professor John Meyer

ARTICLE IX. OF BAPTISM

Of Baptism they teach that it is necessary to salvation, and that through Baptism is offered the grace of God; and that children are to be baptized, who, being offered to God through Baptism, are received into God's grace.

They condemn the Anabaptists, who reject the Baptism of children, and say that children are saved without Baptism.

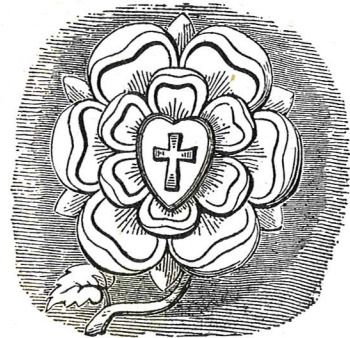
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THIS Article is very brief. In the original draft of the Augsburg Confession it was still briefer. It simply said:

"They teach that children are to be baptized, and that through Baptism they are offered to God and received into His grace."

The intention plainly was to emphasize Infant Baptism and to reject the opposing error. For that reason we shall begin our study of this Article by considering the second part first.

The sect which rejected Infant Baptism during the days of the Reformation was known by the name of Anabap-



tists. We had occasion to refer to them before as Antitrinitarians (see the study in the *Northwestern Lutheran* for October 6, 1940). Their leaders were Hans Denck, Ludwig Hetzer, Balthasar Hubmaier, and others.

Today we have a church which calls itself the Baptist Church. These Baptists are not descended from the Anabaptists of Reformaion days, they have no historical connection with them. In fact, there are several groups of Baptists, each one of which had a separate beginning. They all reject Infant Baptism, and the stricter groups insist on Immersion as the only permissible form. To the Baptists, Baptism is not really a means of grace through which God conveys and seals His grace to the recipient; Baptism is looked upon rather as an act of obedience on the part of man.

Infant Baptism is rejected, because only an adult can consciously perform an act of obedience, as a Baptist confession of 1688 puts it: in order to be baptized one must

"actually profess repentance towards God, faith in and obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ." Since children cannot do this, they therefore are not to be admitted to Baptism.

Can children have faith in our Savior? Jesus himself not only says that they can, He holds the children up to us as models of faith. Read Matth. 18, 1-6. The disciples were troubled about the question of leadership in the church: Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? Jesus, placing a little child in their midst, not only warns them not to give any offence to "these little ones *which believe on me*" (v. 6), He holds this little child up as a model: "Except ye be converted and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (v. 3).

We may not understand a child's faith — by the way, how much do we understand of a child's inner life at all? — yet that is no reason why the Holy Spirit should not be able to produce faith in the hearts of little ones. Jesus accepts the little ones as His own by faith in Him and blesses them.

Are children to be baptized? Rather, after hearing Jesus' words of institution for Baptism, we should reverse the question and ask: Have we any right to exclude children from Baptism? In the words of institution Jesus grants Baptism to all nations (Matth. 28, 19). The mandate He gives to His disciples is not limited by any qualifications or conditions.

Compare the rite of circumcision. God granted this seal of righteousness to the Children of Israel. But He added the restriction that the sacrament should be performed on the men only. When Jesus instituted Baptism He added no such limitation.

Nor is there anything in the nature of the sacrament to exclude children. Concerning the Lord's Supper Paul write expressly: Let a man *examine himself*, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup (1 Cor. 11, 28). The Lord's Supper is of such a nature that for a beneficial participation of it conscious self-examination is required. Not so Baptism. It is simply the "washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost" (Tit. 3, 5).

The church always practiced Infant Baptism. Naturally, during the time when the Gospel was first brought to the Gentile world and the church was to be founded, adult baptism predominated. They predominated to such an extent that children are not mentioned directly. Yet their baptism is indicated. In Acts 16, 15, the baptism of Lydia is recorded, and "her household" is expressly included. Paul, in 1 Cor. 1, 16, mentions that he baptized "the household of Stephanas." See also Acts 16, 33.

It is very much the same in the early writings of the church. Children are not mentioned. Yet, Irenaeus,

who died in 202, was a disciple of Polycarp, who in turn was a disciple of the Apostle John. Irenaeus speaks of people of all ages, from infants up to the oldest, as being *reborn* through Christ to God. Justin, who died a martyr's death in 165, also speaks about becoming disciples of Christ from childhood.

There came a time when people discouraged Infant Baptism. They taught that Baptism washed away only those sins committed previous to the sacrament; for the sins committed later a man must atone himself by works of penance. So they counseled, Why hurry? It is more convenient to let the sins accumulate, and then clean them all up in one washing.

Origen, who died in 254, did very extensive research

work and announced as the result of his investigation that the custom to grant Baptism to children had been handed down to the church by the apostles.

About 256, a synod was held in Carthage. The question was raised if Baptism might properly be administered *before* the eighth day. Thus Infant Baptism itself was taken for granted. The synod answered that the grace of re-birth might not legitimately be withheld from any one who had been born.

Luther points out in the Large Catechism that God clearly acknowledged Infant Baptism by granting the Holy Ghost and maintaining the church during long centuries when Infant Baptism was almost exclusively in use.

YOUR CHURCH'S MISSION PROGRAM

OUR BIG BEND PARISH

By Pastor Gilbert A. Sydow

IN recent years the Columbia River in Washington has received much publicity because of Grand Coulee Dam. As the River leaves the Dam it swings north, then west, then south, in a wide arc. Within this great sweep of the River lies an area commonly known as the Big Bend Country. It is a high plateau — ranging from 2,500 to 3,000 feet in altitude — with cold, severe winters, hot, dry summers, and a very sparse population. Its vast expanses of rolling land are suitable only for the raising of grains, especially wheat. This country was opened up and settled around the turn of the century. It "boomed" during the years of World War I, farmers moved in, and towns grew and flourished. However, improper methods of farming coupled with years of extremely dry weather brought on drought conditions and dust storms. The country declined, farmers left, and towns became empty. In recent years improved methods of farming have brought the land back into production and made it a reliable source of livelihood. However, large-scale machine farming has enabled one farmer to handle much more land than heretofore. Thus there has been no great increase in the population and perhaps never will be.

Our Wisconsin Synod has maintained the preaching of the Gospel in this Big Bend Country since 1907, beginning first at Mansfield, where a congregation was established in 1909, and later taking over the congregation at Withrow which was founded by the Norwegian Lutheran Church. Throughout most of these years the pastor has resided at Mansfield. At times, however, the territory was served by the pastor from Leavenworth, 75 miles away. Since two years ago, at the request of the Withrow congregation, the pastor has lived in Withrow. At both Mansfield and Withrow, there is a church building, seating about 75, and a parsonage. At Withrow there is a \$70.00 debt remaining on the parsonage. Both congregations are members of our Synod.

A backward glance through the records reveals that at no time was there any outstanding progress or visible growth in this field. In fact, our numbers are now, perhaps, at their lowest ebb. And, from a human viewpoint,



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there appears to be no hope of any outstanding growth in the near future. The question that will naturally arise, as we consider the rather disheartening picture here presented, is, "Why does our Synod continue to support such an unpromising field?" Two solutions are possible. One, that we be practical, humanly speaking, withdraw pastoral activity, and use our manpower and money in places where there is more hope of visible success. The

other, that we recognize the fact that there are certain places which perhaps will never reach the point of being self-sustaining and will always have to depend on our Synod for support. The latter proposition is not outside the bounds of Christian love. Does it appear at all out of place, that those who find themselves withing walking distance of many fine, large churches of their own confession help supply the Bread of Life to their brothers in Christ who travel many a difficult mile to reach their lone, humble, wind-blown chapel?

The Big Bend parish, however, is not lacking in spiritual life. In this country of great distances, poor roads

and severe winters, it is only at the expense of personal effort and sacrifice above ordinary that services and Christian instruction can be maintained at all. And the members are fully aware of all they are receiving from our Synod and are not slack in appreciation and gratitude. It is their hope that neither a materialistic attitude nor present day economies will bring it about that their souls go hungry for much needed spiritual food. Although few, they choose to be recognized as co-workers in Christ, having a fit place in the building He is constructing, by bearing witness of the truth in this far-flung outpost of our Church.

Siftings

BY THE EDITORS

China Mission. During the past year the Missouri Synod had 12 missionaries in China, two of them being women. Two missionaries and their families were home on furlough. Together with Chinese helpers the missionaries did their work at 49 stations. — Since December, 1941, it was impossible for the Mission Board to remain in direct contact with those missionaries who are stationed in the part of China now occupied by Japan; yet through the agency of the Red Cross information was received that till very recently they were still in good health. — The elementary schools conducted by the missionaries were attended by about 300 pupils, the high school by 85. A small hospital is being maintained and is doing valuable service. Two orphanages house about 125 inmates.

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Shortage of Pastors. — The Senior Class of Wartburg Seminary (Dubuque, Iowa), according to the *Luth. Standard* "contains 17 or 18 graduates who will be available for work in the Church," but the president of the Seminary adds that according to the number of calls received "twice as many men could easily be placed into service immediately," adding by way of elaboration: "Our colleges and our seminaries do not produce enough men to fill the gaps caused by death, retirement, withdrawals, and service with the armed forces of the United States. Present conditions and tendencies do not indicate that there will be a marked increase in the number of theological students in the seminaries; and it is quite doubtful that the number of pre-theological students in our colleges will rise very materially within the next few years unless concerted efforts are made throughout our Church toward filling the depleted ranks of the ministry; perhaps it would be better to say: unless our Church is awakened to a realization of the seriousness of the situation."

Our own Thiensville Seminary graduated a class of 26 this year, to which number must be added 8 more from former years, who were employed in parochial schools, and similar positions. — Let us thank God for this supply

of workers. Let us not make the mistake to consider this an over production — the harvest still is plenteous and the laborers are few — let us, rather, show our gratitude by supplying the means for a speedy employment of these men in fields that are ripe for the reaper.

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Baptism by Immersion, and of Adults only. — The *Watchman-Examiner* (Baptist) prints parts of a letter from a certain John Nuveen of Chicago, commenting on the picture of a Greek Orthodox baptism of a six-months-old child. Says Mr. Nuveen: "It was a baptism by immersion. The Greek Church has never changed its mode of baptism by adopting sprinkling, although it is true that it immerses infants. As we know, the baptism of infants followed the mistaken (?) teaching of the later early church that baptism was 'essential' to salvation and it was, therefore, decided to run no chances and to baptize infants. The Roman Catholic Church went further and permitted clinical baptism, if the candidate was seriously ill or in delicate health, and this finally led to the adoption of sprinkling as the mode for all. Thus, one unscriptural (?) teaching followed another and many Protestant churches, especially those seceding from the Roman Catholic Church, fell heir to this perversion (?) . . . It is the clear teaching (?) of the Bible and the practice of the apostolic church that baptism should be administered only to those who have confessed their belief in Christ, and who, to evidence their conversion, desire to be immersed." So far the letter.

The Bible does not prescribe any form of baptism, whether by sprinkling or by immersion, whether by one or by three applications, and the like.

Was infant baptism really unknown in the apostolic church? Origen (died 254 A. D.), who in his research work left no stone unturned to discover the facts, wrote in his discussion of Rom. 5, 9: *The church received the custom from the apostles to grant baptism also to the very little children.*

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

CONVENTION OF THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

By Pastor Roland Hoenecke

"A MIGHTY Fortress is our God!" Confidently and joyfully singing these words of the great Reformer, approximately 100 delegates, on the 22nd of June, assembled in Bethel Lutheran Church, Bay City, for the 71st convention of the Michigan District of our Synod. We convened for mutual encouragement for our respective labors in the Lord's Vineyard, for an inventory of blessings experienced and shortcomings manifested, for penance and praise, for deliberating, under the Lord's guidance, upon our activities in the ensuing biennium. To achieve those ends our "mighty Fortress" was indispensable in our discussions! Fully realizing this, "A mighty Fortress is our God," with which we had begun, also remained the keynote of our entire convocation; from the convention's inception to the conclusion of its ninth session on Friday afternoon the lofty thoughts of this battle-hymn of our church permeated the convention entirely.

Abide With Us!"

How beautifully and yet how forcefully this was impressed upon us in the message of our retiring president, Pastor Karl Krauss. Pointing out most graphically that "it is toward evening, and the day is far spent," that now especially are the times when "devils all the world may fill" and when it becomes increasingly apparent to the one thing unailing and stable, "one little word can fell him" and in sweet but firm words issued a call to prayer. "Abide with us!"

The petitioning hymn, "Abide, O dearest Jesus, among us with Thy grace," the president chose as the basis for his address and led us to see clearly the urgent need of God's grace, His Word, His Light, His blessings, His protection, and — last, but not least — His love especially now when "it is toward evening."

The 46th Psalm

The essay, read to us in the forenoon sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday by Pastor George Luetke, fit perfectly into the pattern of the convention. It was a treatise on the 46th Psalm. Brilliantly this fortress of Christianity was expounded to our strengthening in faith, to our growth in grace, to our patience in suffering, and to the blessed hope of everlasting life.

Having in his introduction called attention to the beauty of the psalm and having traced its origin, the essayist stated as theme for his exposition the words of Deuteronomy 33, 27: "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms." This theme he convincingly developed in three "waves," or strophes, as the psalm itself indicates: "1. God is our refuge — and

is so in reference to natural conditions. 2. God is our refuge — in reference to the rage and roar of hostile kingdoms against the Church. 3. God our refuge summons us to look at a recent example of God's delivering power, which proves all said and sung about."



In conclusion Pastor Luetke exhorted us to relearn to sing this psalm, bidding us to note the necessity thereof in the preponderance of "Ersatz" in our day.

The essayist called our attention to a most interesting feature regarding this psalm, namely, that among the voluminous writings of Luther there is not to be found an exposition on this psalm. Pastor Luetke stated that the Reformer evidently regarded his hymn, "A mighty Fortress is our God," the best commentary on this psalm that he could offer.

The Convention Sermons.

Unwittingly the speakers at our convention services also spoke along the lines already indicated. Employing the text, 1 Peter 4, 7-11, Pastor Hilbert Engel, at our communion service on Monday evening, spoke on the topic, "The end of all things is hand," impressing upon us that this calls forth on our part: "1. To be sober and watch unto prayer, 2. To have love toward one another, 3. To be faithful in the use of our God-given gifts." Speaking in our closing services on Thursday evening, Pastor Kenneth Vertz chose 2 Cor. 12, 10 to depict one of the great paradoxes in a Christian's life, "Weak yet strong." Both sermons were most timely and reassuring.

Lengthening the Cords

With the thought, "the end of all things is at hand," so forcefully and repeatedly brought to our attention, it was but natural that the other business of our convention was also permeated therewith. Realizing that now more than ever the King's business requires haste, and that, therefore, the cords must be lengthened, much thought was given to the broadening of the scope of our missionary endeavors and intensifying the missionary efforts on the part of all.

The unusually heavy influx of defense-workers into Michigan — where 30% of all defense-contracts are located — offers a definite challenge to us, the church of the pure Gospel. About Detroit, near the huge Willow Run Bomber Plant, in Ypsilanti, Ann Arbor, and other defense-areas astounding mission opportunities have presented themselves. A goodly share of the large class of theological candidates, which, forget it not, God has given us just for such opportunities, could be put to work immediately if only the means necessary thereto were available. As it is, much of this so urgent work will, as heretofore, have to be undertaken — as best it can — by the already heavily burdened pastors in these territories.

The mission opportunity at Frankfurt, Ky., and surrounding communities was also vividly pictured to us. Following a lengthy discussion, our Mission Board was requested to take early action in supplying this promising field with a missionary.

The report of our District Mission Board gave us much cause for thanksgiving and joy. We noted with what blessing our missionaries are sowing the seed of the Word. In all fields good, healthy growth was apparent, evident, among other things, from the 524 communicants that have been gained, from the fact that again a station (Tittabawassee) had become independent and from the fact that 19 of our 25 stations had made substantial reductions in their subsidy.

Other mission projects, too, received careful attention and study. The executive secretary of our Indian Mission, Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, gave us first-hand information on that mission, gleaned from his recent visitation in that field. Since the greater percentage of the work among the Apaches must still be carried on in their tongue, and so through interpreters, the steps taken to translate portions of Scriptures, the Catechism, etc., into the Apache language, so that "uniformity and agreement among our missionaries and interpreters as to doctrinal language and Scriptural terms to be employed" might prevail, were heartily endorsed by our assembly.

Though absent from his field of labor for several years, due to the prevailing war, Pastor W. Bodamer, the director of our Poland Mission, gave us whatever information he had received from that mission. While all communication with our missionaries in Poland has now ceased and even the forwarding of subsidy is impossible, we were informed that, according to last reports, conditions in the field were very favorable.

Nor did we forget our boys in military service. This part of our mission program, under the direction of Synod's Spiritual Welfare Commission, provoked a good deal of discussion.

Christian Education

Naturally we thoroughly considered the reports of all our Synod's educational institutions, but our Michigan Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw, lying close to home, concerned us most vitally. A memorial on this institution

by the Northwestern Conference especially provoked a long discussion. It pertained to ways and means of increasing the enrollment at Saginaw, necessitated above all by "the fact that a shortage of workers in the Lord's Vineyard in the not too distant future is to be feared."

Our Christian day schools in Michigan gave us much cause for deliberation. Demands are being made up our teachers to gain credits in certain subjects in which the state regards them as deficient. Two of our male teachers have been inducted into military service. How apparent it is that "the old evil foe" is employing every means at his disposal to deprive the Lord's lambs of the so vital nourishment which our Christian schools offer them! How necessary, therefore, that we constantly take this matter to the Lord in prayer!

Finances

Since the Lord still ordains "that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel," the very nature of all our work requires that we as wise stewards also look well to our finances. In view of that the general improvement in collections throughout Synod naturally is a source of joy. Nevertheless it is deplorable that the full budgetary requirements were not raised. That Synod operated with a slight balance was only due to the fact that our various boards practiced such stringent economy — and perhaps at times, because compelled thereto, unwise economy — that the funds contributed would suffice for operation.

With deep gratitude we received our District Treasurer's report, showing approximately \$52,000, or 108% of the quota, raised in our district the past year. Without any selfish pride or spirit of boastfulness, but rather in gratefulness and humility, and in the hope that it may serve as an encouragement to others, we mention also that 47 congregations raised their allotment or more and that three congregations exceeded even 200%.

Miscellaneous

Teacher A. Wandersee, reporting on the Board of Support, advised us that throughout Synod 106 are receiving \$26,268 in support annually, and that in Michigan there are 11 being supported at the rate of \$22.50 per month.

Elections resulted as follows: Pastor John Gauss, President; Pastor Karl Krauss, 1st Vice Pres.; Pastor Adelbert Westendorf, 2nd Vice Pres.; Pastor A. W. Hueschen, Sec'y.; Prof. Winfred Schaller, Essay Recorder; Pastor Emil Wenk, Treas.; Mission Board (increased to six members): Pastors Martin Schroeder, Arthur Wacker, Gerhard Press; laymen Robert Wendel, Carl Mueller, Fred Buch; School Board: Pastor Bernhard Westendorf, Teacher Waldemar Stindt, Mr. Fred Hirth; Student Aid, Pastor Otto Eckert; Board of Support: Pastor Hilbert Engel, Teacher John Gehm, Mr. O. Burkhardt.

Pastor August Kehrberg served as chaplain at the sessions. By resolution, one of our opening devotions

was dedicated to the memory of those who had departed from our midst during the past biennium.

A word regarding the attendance at our convention is in place. It was somewhat lower than in previous years. Our teacher-representation especially was small due to the fact that 19 of our teachers are attending summer school to earn the credits demanded by the State. Many a congregation, otherwise represented at our conventions, this year found it impossible to send a delegate due to the stress of defense work.

The hospitality and Christian fellowship of Bethel Congregation and its pastor, the Rev. M. Schroeder, were heartily enjoyed and appreciated; expression to this effect was resolved upon.

And Now — to Work!

By the time that this appears in print, we all will be back at our respective posts of duty. Would to God that we all, immediately upon our return, began to work, to work in the spirit of our convention, "With might of ours can naught be done — but for us fights the Valiant One." Working in that spirit guarantees the faithfulness and cooperation so necessary. Working in that spirit may, especially in these perilous times, mean the taking of "our life, goods, fame, child, and wife." Working in that spirit, however, we shall nevertheless "go from strength to strength," from victory to victory. And so — O the glorious truth — "the Kingdom ours remaineth."

CONVENTION OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT

By Pastor E. F. Kirst

MIDST rain and sunshine the Pacific Northwest District met in the beautiful Puget Sound country, June 23-25. St. Paul's Congregation of Tacoma, Wash., with its pastor, Arthur G. Sydow, was the host, and in the spirit of the words of welcome by its representative, Mr. J. C. Jaech, made the guests feel at home. St. Paul's is the oldest congregation in our District and the stay of the older pastors was enhanced by many happy reminiscences of former days. The District will gratefully remember the welcome of St. Paul's Church, and herewith says "Thank you."

The District meeting was opened with divine service, the local pastor conducting the liturgy and Rev. A. Levenhagen of Rainier, Wash., delivering the sermon. President Wm. Lueckel in his opening address emphasized the truth, "Although in distress, we nevertheless are assured of victory because we possess the Word of Truth, which abideth forever." The various reports read brought this truth home in a visible manner. Our work has been blessed. Progress has been made in the respective congregations and new work begun. Pastors were placed at two new missions, Zillah and Seattle, Wash. Pastors F. E. Stern and Geo. Frey, and Grace Ev. Luth. Church

of Zillah, were accepted as members. The convention was attended by fifteen pastors and ten delegates.

Despite the joy of progress, a cloud hung over the assembly. The familiar face of our beloved President, F. H. K. Soll, no longer greeted and welcomed us. No longer are his faithful counsels to guide us. The Lord has called him to his heavenly reward. The assembly rose in respect to his memory. May it rest in honor among us.



Pastoral Conference, Withrow, Washington
Spring 1941

Left to Right: Lueckel, Levenhagen, Adascheck, Zimmermann, Kirst, Witt, Krug, Wiechmann, Tiefel, Jaech, Sydow, Amacher, Schoen, Sydow.

Election of Officers

The election of officers was as follows: Rev. Wm. Lueckel, President; Rev. Arthur G. Sydow, 1st Vice President; Rev. L. C. Krug, 2nd Vice President; Rev. W. Amacher, Secretary; Rev. T. Adascheck, Doctrinal Recorder; Mr. H. Karg, 537 N. E. 29th Ave., Portland, Ore., Treasurer; Rev. L. C. Krug, Historian; Rev. A. Levenhagen, Visitor; Rev. F. E. Stern and Mr. H. Karg were elected as members of the Mission Board with Rev. Arthur G. Sydow retaining his office.

Delegates to the Joint Synod convention in 1943 are Pastors R. Jaech and M. J. Witt; alternates Pastor F. Tiefel and T. Adascheck. Lay delegates are to be chosen by the respective congregations from Trinity, Omak, and St. Paul's, Leavenworth; with alternates from Zion, Rainier, and Grace, Zillah.

Felicitations were received from the District Synods of West Wisconsin, Southeast Wisconsin and Minnesota. Greetings were sent to West Wisconsin, Southeast Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan Districts. Rev. R. Jaech was asked to mimeograph the proceedings. The various resolutions and business transactions will be sent shortly to all congregations. May the Lord bless the study of them.

Essays

Essays were read by Rev. F. E. Stern on "Conference Visitor" and by Rev. L. Koeninger of Manitowoc, Wis., on "The Aim of our Parish Schools is to seek the Renewal of the Lost Image of God." Therein lies the great value of such schools. Both essays were well received.

We were indeed fortunate to have Rev. Koeninger with us. Since he is our representative on the Board of Trustees of the Synod, we not only learned to know him personally, but we also became better acquainted with the work of the Synod, and he with our problems. Such exchange of views and study is very beneficial for the Kingdom of God, and may such practice continue. Our heartiest thanks to Rev. Koeninger for his counsel and cheer. He can rest assured that our prayers will be with him.

Rev. F. E. Stern acted as chaplain for the devotions. He is not new to the work in this District, having served in our missions when our Synod first began its work in the Pacific Northwest.

Divine service with the celebration of Holy Communion was conducted on Wednesday evening. President Wm. Lueckel spoke on the timely words of Scriptures, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

"The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers, let Him not leave nor forsake us." Trusting in His promise we shall continue to work cheerfully, hopefully, steadfastly and prayerfully in His vineyard.

THE CONVENTION OF THE NEBRASKA DISTRICT

By Pastor Im. P. Frey

WITH 34 pastors, 6 teachers, 18 official lay delegates and 2 visiting delegates present the Nebraska District of our Synod met in convention June 17-22 in St. Paul's Church, Norfolk, Neb. (Pastor J. Witt). Four pastors and one teacher were absent, and fourteen congregations had sent no delegate.

In addition to the short opening service conducted by the First Vice President, Rev. E. C. Monhardt, and the brief closing address by the Second Vice President, Rev. W. Wietzke, four divine services were held. On Thursday evening a communion service was held at which Rev. W. Siffring gave the communion address. Revs. H. Fritze and L. Gruendeman proclaimed the Word on Sunday morning, while Pastor Im. P. Frey preached on Christian education on Sunday evening.

The Doctrinal Essay

It has not yet become the custom in our circles to devote our sessions entirely to business matters. A goodly part of this convention, almost half of it, was spent in listening to and discussing Rev. H. Hackbarth's paper, which dealt with the history of the Lutheran Church in America from colonial times to 1820, taking special note of the merger movements or union movements. The essayist discussed the matter chiefly under four heads: 1. The Lutheran Swedes in Delaware; 2. The Salzburg Lutherans in Georgia; 3. The Lutherans in New York; 4. The Lutherans in Pennsylvania. In each instance it was noted how the leaven of unionism was at work. In some cases the Lutheran Church was

swallowed up by other denominations because the Lutheran consciousness and proper emphasis on every doctrine of God's Word was lacking. It was resolved to continue consideration of the history of the Lutheran Church at the next convention, and a new essayist was appointed to carry on from where Pastor Hackbarth had left off.

Reports of Boards and Committees

The reports contained in the printed program were referred to committees, who made a special study of them; these were discussed on the basis of their findings. Interest in the report on the Spiritual Welfare Commission was increased by the remarks of Pvt. Peters, who was home on a furlough and gave the convention the reaction of our men in the service to what is being done for them in a spiritual way. He assured us that the efforts of our Spiritual Welfare Commission were greatly appreciated.

Several sessions were spent in discussing the report of the District Mission Board. It was noted that in recent years our District has made great progress in taking up the work in the larger cities. With this convention the old setup in our District mission work came to an end. As a result of the creation of the Colorado Mission District by the Joint Synod in Saginaw last summer, there are now two mission boards within the District. Effective July 1 Colorado has its own Mission Board and administers its own mission affairs directly under the General Mission Board. In other respects Colorado is still an integral part of the Nebraska District. The wish was expressed that at future conventions of the District there be a report by both mission boards.

Another innovation was voted at this convention. It has long been the custom of the Nebraska District to meet every year, in the off years as District Delegate Conference. After due consideration, in view of the wide extent of the District and the traveling expense involved, it was decided to meet only once in two years henceforth. The matter of equalizing expenses was also discussed, since the financial burden is very heavy for those coming from the outposts. In order to give all congregations an opportunity to pass on this matter it was decided to take no action at this time but to make it the first order of business at the next convention.

Statistics

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Credentials Pastor E. Breiling and Teacher Ph. Pohlmann were received into the membership of the District.

The President announced that Rev. E. C. Monhardt, the senior of our District, celebrated his fiftieth anniversary in the ministry last September. Pastor Monhardt had served the District as Vice President for 23 years, and the convention acknowledged his faithful service by rising.

Last year 25 years had passed since Pastor W. Wietzke entered the ministry. President J. Witt spoke briefly on Psalm 84 to praise the grace of God as bestowed upon His servant.

Elections

The officers as elected are: President, Rev. John Witt; First Vice President, Pastor Im. P. Frey; Second Vice President, Rev. W. Wietzke; Secretary, Rev. Lee Sabrowsky; Recording Secretary, Rev. John Raabe; Treasurer, Teacher C. G. Fuhrmann, 1000 Georgia Ave., Norfolk, Neb.; Auditing Committee, Rev. R. Bittorf, Teacher R. Brei, Teacher G. Hofius; Visitors, Revs. E. C. Monhardt, L. Tessmer, H. Fritze, W. Wietzke; Finance Men, Revs. R. Bittorf, R. Stiemke, A. Degner, O. Kreie; Board of Support, G. Hofius; School Board, Revs. H. Hackbarth and L. Gruendeman, Teacher Fuhrmann; Mission Board, Revs. E. J. Hahn, A. Degner and F. Knueppel, Teacher F. W. Eggers, Mr. C. Klug.

CONVENTION OF THE WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

By Pastor I. G. Uetzmann

THE Western Wisconsin District held its 13th biennial convention from June 15 to 16 in Waterloo, Wis., where the duly elected delegates of the congregations, the pastors, the professors and the teachers of the District enjoyed the hospitality of St. John's Congregation, and that of its pastor, H. C. Nitz, and teacher, P. G. Kolander. Roll call was answered by 219 members, one of the largest representations ever enjoyed by the District.

Pastor H. C. Nitz opened the convention with a short devotion, the succeeding meetings being preceded by devotional services conducted by Pastor M. J. Hillemann, one of the veteran pastors of the District.

Stressing the undeniable fact that the dark clouds of present day happenings in the world also cast their shadows over the work of the church, and pointing to the resultant signs of warning and admonition, which must of necessity lie heavily upon the hearts of all the children of God in these days of uncertainty, the president of the district, Pastor H. Kirchner, lifted the hearts of all present out of the gloomy prospect of the result of our own weakness to the assurance of a God-pleasing continuation of the work of the church, as he centered the words of his biennial report in the proclamation of the Apostle Paul: "I can do all things through Christ, which strengtheneth me." Again in the opening service, held Monday evening, Pres. H. Kirchner, basing his words on 2 Tim. 4, 1. 2, awakened the spirit in which the convention could and would do its work in a God-pleasing manner, as he pointed away from the busy-body attitudes of many of today and led his hearers back to the realization that the work of the church has not changed, nor the God-given

power and means wherewith to do the work reduced. Therefore, in a time in which both the church and the world need the Gospel of Christ as perhaps never before: "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom; **PREACH THE WORD.**"

The doctrinal paper was delivered by Prof. F. Blume of Northwestern College. It was a privilege to follow the essayist on the pathway of thought as he expounded the theme: "Worship in the New Testament Church." He presented his paper in three parts: 1. A definition of Worship; 2. The Elements of Worship; 3. The aims of Worship. It is our hope, as expressed in a resolution by the District, that the essay will be available for further study in a future issue of the "Theologische Quartalschrift."

Missions — The S. W. C.

A living church is a mission-minded church. "Preach the Word." This was, is, and always will be the one work and privilege of the church of Christ. In this sense the reports submitted by the boards and committees of General Synod were studied and acknowledged. In connection with the school boards report, and that of our Normal School of New Ulm, Minn., it was noted that a shortage of male teachers for our Christian day schools seemed inevitable due to the induction into the service of our country of several of our graduates. The District therefore sends out a plea to all parents to send more boys to our Normal School to prepare for the blessed work of bringing Christ to our children, and our children to Christ. Pastor Blakewell's personal presentation of the report of the Spiritual Welfare Commission was most interesting and encouraging. The many letters coming from the boys in service, in which they expressed their thanks for the Christian literature and personal letters received by them, spoke for themselves. Let us all support this work more generously, remembering that here we have an opportunity to clasp the hand of faith of these our fellow church-members, now spread out all over the world, by means of the mailing service of the Welfare Commission. The local congregations were, however, again encouraged to send the Northwestern Lutheran to their boys themselves.

The mission board of the District reported that the East Side Mission in Madison had now become self-supporting and that a new Mission had been opened in Washington, Iowa. The hope was also expressed that the newly organized congregation in Janesville would soon have a local pastor. Increasing interest in the work in the mission fields was shown by the request that henceforth the mission reports be sent to the delegates before the convention, and that an evening be set aside during the convention for a meeting in which the missionaries could give personal reports

regarding the work done and the difficulties encountered in their respective fields. Since the institutional mission work in and around Madison has for some time been neglected or given over to the overburdened missionary of our sister Synod of Missouri, the mission board was asked to take this matter under advisement.

Mission work and mission funds cannot be separated. It is hoped that the encouraging statements made by several lay-delegates on the floor of the convention have been carried home by all to the various congregations, to bear fruit in a more concerted effort on the part of all to give as the Lord has prospered them unto the support of the work of our Lord and Savior. After having heard the report of the debt-retirement committee, the district pledged its full cooperation in a final effort to wipe out the remaining debt of our Synod.

Four congregations officially became members of Synod: St. John's of Fox Lake; St. Matthew's of Janesville; Andrew-Grace of Town Main; St. John's of Stettin. Three pastors and their congregations of the extreme northern part of the district applied for permission to be transferred to the Northern Wisconsin District, since thereby they would be not only closer to their conference brethren, but also less far removed from the center of the District to which they would then belong. The District recognized the justifiable reasons for the request of these congregations, but felt called upon to ask them to bring their request before the general Synod, since not the districts but the General Synod had drawn the boundary lines of the districts.

Elections

In a vote of confidence the officers of the District were reelected to office with one exception. Mr. W. Bock was elected on the auditing committee to replace Mr. H. Baumgarten, who no longer resides in Columbus. The officers as elected are: President, Pastor H. Kirchner; 1st Vice President, Pastor L. Kirst; 2nd Vice President, Pastor Wm. Nommensen; Secretary, Pastor A. Paap; Recording Secretary, Pastor H. Geiger; Treasurer, Mr. H. Koch; Auditing Committee, Messrs. H. Zeidler, H. Ehlenfeldt and W. Bock; Committee for Student Support, Pastors M. J. Nommensen, H. Zimmermann and J. Klingmann; Board of Support, Pastor O. Kuhlow and Teacher H. Klatt; Mission Board, Pastor Wm. Keturakat and Mr. J. W. Jung; School Board, Pastor Wm. Baumann, Teacher E. Sievert and Mr. C. Frohmader.

On Wednesday evening a second service was held in which the Lord's Supper was celebrated. Pastor F. Gilbert preached the confessional sermon. With a final word of thanks and appreciation to St. John's Congregation and its pastor and teacher, the concluding meeting was closed at noon on Thursday. May

the purpose of the convention live on in the hearts of the representatives present and by them be brought closer to the hearts of many in the congregations in the spirit of the words of the apostle: "Preach the Word."

FAITH

Life without faith is like a night without the stars
And like a day without the radiance of the sun.
There is no brightness to dispel the thoughts of gloom
Seeking admittance to our heart when day is done.

Faith is the staff upholding us when hearts are faint,
When wearily we tread the upward path to God.
Faith sees Him, feels the tender clasp of loving hands,
Receives new courage, with new strength resumes to plod.

Faith is the lamp which brightens every path with rays
Of hope and peace and with such deep content
That all else pales, the real and lasting joys remain,
Lives purified from dross by trials the years may send.

Esther A. Schumann.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION--Synodical Conference Announcement

ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING THE CONVENTION OF THE SYNODICAL CONFERENCE OF NORTH AMERICA

At the request of the officers of one of the constituent Synods, the officers of the Synodical Conference together with the presidents or representatives of the four constituent Synods held a meeting and discussed the matter very carefully as to whether the convention of the Synodical Conference should be held this year or cancelled. After due deliberation the officers decided to cancel the meeting of the Synodical Conference for this year because of the present war situation and the existing, and probably increasing, difficulty in traveling. The business of the Synodical Conference will be taken care of under its constitution by the officers and the boards of the conference. Further announcements of the matter will appear in due time in the church papers.

L. Fuerbringer,
President of the Synodical
Conference of North America.

NOTICE

Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Lutheran High School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, will begin its fortieth school year on Tuesday, September 8. The school offers academic and commercial courses; also Mechanical Drawing, Sewing, Physical Training, and various extra-curricular activities. The tuition is \$40.00 a year. For further information write to the Director,

E. H. Buerger,
1859 North Thirteenth Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

INSTALLATION

Having been duly authorized by the Rev. W. T. Meier, president of the Dakota-Montana District, the undersigned installed the Rev. R. Bretzmann as pastor of the Trinity Ev. Lutheran Congregation at Hendricks, Minnesota, on Sunday, July 5.

Address: The Rev. R. Bretzmann, Hendricks, Minnesota.

MISSION FESTIVALS

Second Sunday after Trinity

St. John's Church, Caledonia, Minn., and St. Peter's Church, Union, Minn.
Offering: \$422.65. R. Jeske, pastor.
Zion Church, Hokah, Minn.
Offering: \$57.00. E. G. Hertler, pastor.

Third Sunday after Trinity

Immanuel Church, La Crescent (South Ridge), Minn.
Offering: \$234.00. E. G. Hertler, pastor.
St. Matthew's Church, Butterfield, Minn.
Offering: \$72.91. L. W. Schierenbeck, pastor.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND THANKS

The Home for the Aged at Belle Plaine, Minnesota, is grateful to the many congregations, societies and individuals who have remembered it with donations. Gifts have been received from the following:

MINNESOTA — C. W. Quandt, Red Wing; Nurses of Lutheran Hospital, Mankato; Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's, No. Mankato; Mrs. R. A. Zeibarth, Wood Lake; Ladies' Aid, Immanuel's, Mankato; Dorcas Society, Lake Benton; Good Will Sewing Circle, Cass Lake; Rev. C. A. Affeldt, Elgin; Community Club, Belle Plaine; Eleanor Voelker, Mrs. Hanna Stock, Winona; The Ladies' Aid, Essig; Ladies, Aid' Frieden's, Hutchinson; Mrs. O. F. Monhardt, Fairmont; Visiting Committee, Jordan; Ladies' Aid, New Prague; The Junior League, Grace, So. St. Paul; Elsie Herzberg, Winona; Mission Club, Arlington; The Ladies' Aid, Jordan; Ladies of Trinity Church, Belle Plaine; Mr. and Mrs. L. Baumgartner, Mankato; Mrs. Carl Schroeder, Belle Plaine; E. Hempel, New Ulm; Minn. Valley Zone of Walther League; Elsie Grundlach, St. Paul; Chr. Wenderoth; Ladies' Aid, No. Mankato; St. John's Church, Osseo; Immanuel Church, Galena; Ladies' Auxiliary, Mankato; Ladies' Aid, Vesta; Willing Workers, Wood Lake; Ladies' Aid, Mankato; Ladies' Aid, Christ, No. St. Paul; Ladies' Aid, St. Clair; Mr. and Mrs. Gus E. Mckinnon, Mankato; Mr. and Mrs. R. Neubert, Mankato; Mrs. E. Holz, St. Paul; Ladies' Aid, New Ulm; Ladies' Aid, St. Peter, Gibbon; Ladies' Aid, Belle Plaine; Women's Club, St. Matthew, Winona; Ladies' Aid, Renville; Ladies' Aid, Wood Lake; Ladies' Aid, So. St. Paul; Mrs. Haack, Winona; Ladies' Aid, Acoma; Ladies' Aid, Arlington; The Guild; St. James, St. Paul; Mt. Olive Guild, St. Paul; The Ladies' Aid and The Guild, Immanuel, St. Paul; St. Paul's Church, Blue Earth; St. Paul's Church, Fairmont; Mrs. E. Holz, St. Paul; Fred Lindhorst; Mrs. Wm. Marker; Mrs. Aug. Bartling, Ortonville; Mem. Wreath for Henry Schomberg, Belle Plaine; Mem. Wreath for John Fisher, Winona; Mem. Wreath for Mrs. C. F. Kock, Hutchinson, Mem. Wreath for Wm. Risto, Rochester.

WISCONSIN — Ladies' Aid, Kimberly; Ladies' Aid, Stratford; Ladies' Aid, Centuria; Mission Circle, Tomah; Needle Club, Sawyer; St. Paul's Church, Algoma; The Ruth Mission Society, Milwaukee; St. John's Church, Centuria; Ladies' Aid, Brownsville; Ladies' Aid, Prescott; St. Stephen's Mission Aid, Beaver Dam; Ladies' Aid, Green Valley; Virginia Lueck, Appleton; Mission Aid, Beaver Dam; Mildred Albrecht, Lake Mills; Ladies' Aid and Rev. O. Modenwald, Amery; Ladies' Aid, Tomah; Ladies' Aid, Whitewater; Ladies' Aid, Rice Lake; Kasson Ladies' Aid, Brillion; N. R. and family, Elmwood.

MICHIGAN — Ladies' Aid, Salem, Owosso; Ladies' Aid, Stevensville; A. A. L., St. Stephen's and St. Stephen's Church, Adrian.

SOUTH DAKOTA — Ladies' Aid, St. John's, Watertown; Ladies' Aid, St. Martini, Watertown; Mem. Wreath for Mrs. Herm. Luker, Hazel; Thankoffering, 50th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhlman, Hazel.

The Ladies' Aid, Omak, Washington.
Mem. Wreath, Hoskins, Nebraska.
Mission Society, Elgin, North Dakota.

L. F. Brandes, Supt.

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The library of Dr. Martin Luther College has received the following gifts: a memorial wreath in the amount of \$2.00 from Alice Omnus Lueschen of Stanton, Nebraska, in memory of Anita Kilcheman; \$15.00 from Emil Gensmer, Caledonia, Minnesota. Our cordial thanks to the donors.

E. R. Blifernicht, Librarian.

The library of Dr. Martin Luther College has received the following donations: \$10.00 from the pupils of Trinity School, Waukesha, Wis., a memorial gathered in memory of the teacher's mother, Mrs. Albert Garbrecht, New Ulm, Minn.; \$5.00 from Myrtle Pagenkopf, Catherine Gunn, Estella Albrecht, Betty Schwappe, Gertrude Limpert, Wilma Schilling, Gretchen Paulson, Elizabeth Berg, Marie Haniff, in memory of Mrs. Augusta Beutler, La Crosse. Our cordial thanks to the kind donors.

E. R. Blifernicht, Librarian.

DAKOTA-MONTANA DISTRICT

July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942

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| H. Schultz, Altamont..... | | \$ 163.57 |
| A. Birner, Arco..... | | 27.05 |
| R. Kettenacker, Argo Twp..... | | 176.98 |
| H. Buch, Aurora..... | | 212.55 |
| H. Buch, Bruce..... | | 114.59 |
| K. Bast, Carpenter..... | | 5.00 |
| W. Zickuhr, Clark..... | | 92.50 |
| H. Schultz, Clear Lake..... | | 156.00 |
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| W. Lindloff, Elkton..... | | 559.00 |
| E. Bode, Estelline..... | | 101.92 |
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| W. Dorn, Goodwin..... | | 415.26 |
| W. Sprengeler, Grover..... | | 952.85 |
| B. Hahm, Hague Twp..... | | 109.75 |
| W. Dorn, Havana Twp..... | | 182.87 |
| R. Bretzmann, Hendricks..... | | 265.07 |
| B. Hahm, Henry..... | | 152.48 |
| R. Kettenacker, Hiwood Twp..... | | 317.93 |
| E. Gamm, Marshall..... | | 546.17 |
| H. Schmitker, Mazeppa Twp..... | | 468.33 |
| E. Gamm, Milroy..... | | 63.00 |
| M. Lemke, Rauville..... | | 622.32 |
| K. Bast, Raymond..... | | 247.07 |
| C. Found, South Shore..... | | 511.66 |
| W. Lindloff, Ward..... | | 425.43 |
| W. Meier, Watertown..... | | 963.26 |
| W. Zickuhr, Willow Lake..... | | 160.00 |
| Eastern Conference Total..... | | \$ 8,509.41 |
| Western Conference | | |
| B. Borgschatz, Akaska..... | | 184.85 |
| A. Schuetze, Athboy..... | | 40.97 |
| R. Reede, Bison..... | | 123.28 |
| P. Albrecht, Bowdle..... | | 345.52 |
| A. Hoff, Brockway..... | | 8.32 |
| O. Lemke, Burt..... | | 74.85 |
| A. Sippert, Carrington..... | | 33.13 |
| H. Mutterer, Carson..... | | 10.06 |
| A. Hoff, Circle..... | | 115.80 |
| R. Reede, Date..... | | 51.71 |
| E. Mehlberg, Dupree..... | | 42.23 |
| O. Lemke, Elgin..... | | 240.00 |
| E. Mehlberg, Faith..... | | 92.75 |
| H. Birner, Faulkton..... | | 108.83 |
| H. Mutterer, Flasher..... | | 16.05 |
| A. Hellmann, Gale..... | | 64.20 |
| G. Schlegel, Glenham..... | | 171.76 |
| W. Herrmann, Hague..... | | 159.72 |
| G. Ehler, Hazelton..... | | 299.90 |
| R. Reim, Hettlinger..... | | 24.87 |
| H. Birner, Ipswich..... | | 68.81 |
| A. Schuetze, Isabel..... | | 47.06 |
| O. Heier, Jamestown..... | | 376.00 |
| O. Lemke, Leith..... | | 77.00 |
| E. Krieger, Mandan..... | | 200.50 |
| J. Bade, Marmarth..... | | 91.36 |
| Vacant, McIntosh..... | | 3.30 |
| W. Wiedenmeier, Miner..... | | 385.12 |
| G. Schlegel, Moberge..... | | 99.26 |
| W. Wiedenmeier, Morrilstown..... | | 199.31 |
| A. Hellmann, Mound City..... | | 122.03 |
| H. Rutz, Lemmon..... | | 53.69 |
| A. Hoff, Olanda..... | | 87.94 |
| Vacant, Paradise..... | | 5.20 |
| A. Eberhardt, Piedmont..... | | 42.58 |
| R. Reim, Reeder..... | | 509.60 |
| E. Mehlberg, Ridgeview..... | | 15.38 |
| H. Lau, Roscoe..... | | 12.00 |
| H. Rutz, Shadehill..... | | 309.22 |
| A. Eberhardt, Sturgis..... | | 115.54 |
| W. Holzhausen, Tappen..... | | 104.00 |
| P. Albrecht, Theodore..... | | 35.48 |
| B. Borgschatz, Tolstoy..... | | 25.52 |
| A. Schuetze, Timber Lake..... | | 107.00 |
| A. Schuetze, Trail City..... | | 101.21 |
| H. Bergholz, Terry..... | | 61.25 |
| J. Wendtland, Valley City..... | | 11.19 |
| W. Wiedenmeier, Watauga..... | | 293.82 |
| H. Rutz, White Butte..... | | |
| O. Heier, Windsor..... | | |
| W. Herrmann, Zeeland..... | | |
| Western Conference Total..... | | \$ 5,744.98 |
| District Total..... | | \$ 14,254.39 |

S. E. JOHNSON, District Treasurer.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

March, April, May, 1942

Red Wing Conference

| Reverend | Budgetary | Non-Budgetary |
|--|-----------|---------------|
| A. W. Blauert, Austin..... | \$ 91.25 | |
| Theo. Haar, Bear Valley..... | 70.00 | |
| Jul. F. Lenz, Bremen..... | 43.59 | |
| E. G. Hertler, Brownsville..... | 3.75 | |
| R. Jeske, Caledonia..... | 372.45 | |
| R. F. Schroeder, Dexter..... | 200.00 | |
| Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac..... | 69.65 | 2.00 |
| T. E. Kock, Goodhue..... | 141.80 | |
| F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, Grace..... | 100.21 | 1.00 |
| F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, St. John..... | 174.59 | |
| Jul. F. Lenz, Hammond..... | 6.79 | |
| E. G. Hertler, Hokah..... | 20.75 | |
| E. G. Hertler, La Crescent..... | 10.00 | |
| T. H. Albrecht, Lake City..... | 639.73 | 50.85 |
| Theo. Haar, Mazeppa..... | 100.00 | |
| T. E. Kock, Minneola..... | 114.75 | |
| H. J. Anger, Nodine..... | 225.00 | |
| N. A. Reinke, Oronoco..... | 37.67 | |
| N. A. Reinke, Poplar Grove..... | 30.85 | |
| E. G. Hertler, South Ridge..... | 66.00 | |
| R. Jeske, Union..... | 68.00 | |
| H. F. Muenkel, Wabasha..... | 16.70 | |
| Karl A. Nolting, West Florence..... | 72.00 | |
| Paul E. Horn, Zumbrota..... | 505.00 | |

Mankato Conference

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|
| E. Schaller, Alma City..... | 103.59 | |
| W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine..... | 163.55 | |
| A. Jul. Dysterheft, Helen..... | 170.00 | 10.00 |
| L. F. Brandes, Jordan..... | 133.00 | |
| O. K. Netzke, Madison Lake..... | 28.00 | |
| A. Ackermann, Mankato..... | 720.68 | 47.00 |
| R. A. Haase, North Mankato..... | 50.00 | |
| A. H. Mackdanz, St. Clair..... | 147.03 | |
| Ernst C. Birkholz, St. James..... | 179.00 | |
| O. K. Netzke, Smith's Mill..... | 71.00 | |

St. Croix Valley Conference

| | | |
|--|--------|--------|
| O. P. Medenwald, Amery..... | 125.00 | 7.80 |
| E. W. Penk, Baytown..... | 132.10 | |
| A. W. Saremha, Cady..... | 50.00 | |
| F. A. Werner, Centuria..... | 48.65 | |
| O. P. Medenwald, Clear Lake..... | 18.45 | |
| E. H. Bruns, Delano..... | 216.00 | |
| E. W. Penk, Grant..... | 32.55 | |
| P. R. Kurth, Hastings..... | 79.50 | 30.00 |
| R. J. Palmer, Minneapolis..... | 42.03 | |
| Paul C. Dowidat, Minneapolis..... | 700.00 | 100.00 |
| R. C. Ave Lallemand, North St. Paul..... | 75.00 | |
| A. H. Leerssen, Nye..... | 7.70 | |
| A. H. Leerssen, Osceola..... | 91.25 | |
| Otto Klett, Prescott..... | 73.25 | 7.35 |
| F. A. Werner, St. Croix Falls, Redeemer..... | 34.24 | |
| C. F. Bolle, St. Paul..... | 150.47 | |
| G. A. Ernst, St. Paul..... | 200.94 | |
| A. C. Haase, St. Paul..... | 214.28 | |
| J. Plocher, St. Paul..... | 380.34 | 73.00 |
| A. W. Koehler, So. St. Paul..... | 316.74 | |
| J. W. F. Pieper, Stillwater..... | 118.00 | |
| A. W. Saremha, Weston..... | 200.00 | |
| H. E. Lietzau, Woodbury..... | 170.00 | 9.50 |
| E. M. Schroeder, Woodville..... | 71.00 | |

Redwood Falls Conference

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| J. G. Bradtke, Arlington..... | 789.50 | 8.50 |
| A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills..... | 344.44 | 116.49 |
| W. J. Schmidt, Danube..... | 155.67 | |
| Theodore Bauer, Echo..... | 222.87 | |
| C. C. Kuske, Emmet..... | 147.85 | 12.00 |
| Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax..... | 243.00 | 52.00 |
| C. C. Kuske, Flora..... | 92.24 | 1.25 |
| Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon..... | 148.52 | |
| M. J. Wehausen, Morton..... | 227.15 | |
| I. F. Lenz, Olivia..... | 140.21 | |
| A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro..... | 172.20 | |
| Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls..... | 319.77 | |
| Aug. Sauer, Renville..... | 151.00 | |
| G. R. Schuetze, Seaforth..... | 8.12 | |
| G. R. Schuetze, Sheridan..... | 24.29 | |
| E. G. Fritz, Wellington..... | 323.75 | |
| C. W. A. Kuehner, Winthrop..... | 66.07 | 15.00 |
| F. E. Traub, Wood Lake..... | 350.11 | 19.42 |

Crow River Valley Conference

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------|
| W. G. Voigt, Acoma..... | 229.48 | |
| E. R. Berwald, Buffalo..... | 179.10 | |
| F. R. Weyland, Crawford's Lake..... | 43.55 | |
| M. Schuetze, Ellsworth..... | 63.00 | |
| Elmer J. Zehms, Graceville..... | 81.90 | |
| H. C. Duehlmeier, Hancock..... | 70.92 | |
| W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson..... | 560.82 | |
| P. R. Kuske, Hutchinson, Trinity..... | 19.54 | |
| Chr. Albrecht, Johnson..... | 122.72 | |
| Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield..... | 126.08 | |
| W. P. Haar, Loretto..... | 274.17 | |
| E. A. Binger, Lynn..... | 47.30 | |
| M. J. Lenz, Monticello..... | 65.48 | |
| F. R. Weyland, Montrose..... | 29.30 | |
| H. C. Duehlmeier, Morris..... | 102.50 | |
| W. C. Nickels, Pelican Lake..... | 190.98 | 5.00 |
| S. Baer, Rockford..... | 315.91 | |

New Ulm Conference

| | | |
|--|--------------|-----------|
| H. C. Sprenger, Balaton..... | 206.65 | 2.00 |
| M. C. Kunde, Brighton..... | 73.70 | 1.00 |
| L. W. Schierenbeck, Darfur..... | 62.60 | |
| H. A. Scherf, Eden..... | 113.25 | 7.50 |
| A. J. Maas, Island Lake..... | 19.94 | |
| Dr. Paul W. Spaude, Lake Benton..... | 84.85 | |
| W. Frank, Morgan..... | 296.03 | |
| G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm..... | 971.85 | |
| F. Koehler, Nicollet..... | 307.87 | |
| R. Schierenbeck, Sanborn..... | 195.00 | |
| G. Theo. Albrecht, St. Peter..... | 221.50 | |
| Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye..... | 667.31 | 13.50 |
| A. J. Maas, Tyler..... | 37.34 | |
| Dr. Paul W. Spaude, Verdi..... | 58.89 | |
| Karl Brickmann, Vesta..... | 271.32 | |
| Wm. Petzke, Sauk Rapids..... | 10.00 | |
| P. R. Kurth, Minnesota District Pastoral Conf..... | 21.00 | |
| | \$ 18,562.48 | \$ 592.16 |

Memorial Wreaths

| In Memory of | Through Pastor | Amount |
|---|--|---------|
| Mrs. Anna Post..... | F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue..... | \$ 1.00 |
| Mrs. Sophia Litzau, nee Oltmann..... | A. Jul. Dysterheft, Helen..... | 8.00 |
| Mrs. Carolina Hunter..... | A. Ackermann, Mankato..... | 8.35 |
| Mrs. J. Kollmann..... | A. Ackermann, Mankato..... | 2.00 |
| Wanda Mae Hubert..... | O. P. Medenwald, Amery..... | 21.80 |
| Mrs. G. Nowack..... | O. P. Medenwald, Amery..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Bertha Quast..... | J. G. Bradtke, Arlington..... | 8.50 |
| Mrs. E. Zimmermann..... | J. G. Bradtke, Arlington..... | 7.00 |
| Mrs. E. Zimmermann..... | J. G. Bradtke, Arlington..... | 1.00 |
| Wm. Aug. Zaske..... | C. C. Kuske, Emmet..... | 13.00 |
| Mrs. Herm. Booth..... | Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax..... | 25.50 |
| Mother Mielke..... | Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls..... | 4.50 |
| Mr. Adolph Juergenson..... | H. C. Duehlmeier, Morris..... | 2.50 |
| Mrs. Herman Ernst..... | W. C. Nickels, Pelican Lake..... | 28.25 |
| George Kettenacker..... | S. Baer, Rockford..... | 73.75 |
| Marlene Mitzer..... | H. C. Sprenger, Balaton..... | 2.00 |
| Lois Mae Deusch..... | H. A. Scherf, Eden..... | 13.25 |
| August Grundemann..... | W. Frank, Morgan..... | 3.00 |
| George Ulrich..... | W. Frank, Morgan..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Julia Windhorn..... | G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm..... | 1.00 |
| Hy. C. Bode..... | G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm..... | 10.50 |
| Ray Miller..... | A. Ackermann, Mankato..... | 1.50 |
| Mrs. Herman Borchardt..... | E. H. Bruns, Delano..... | 21.25 |
| Mrs. Bertha Lietzau..... | H. E. Lietzau, Woodbury..... | 82.50 |
| Mrs. C. F. Kock..... | J. G. Bradtke, Arlington..... | 10.00 |
| H. F. Dickmeyer..... | Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax..... | 41.00 |
| Frank Maahs, Sr..... | W. G. Voigt, Acoma..... | 6.50 |
| George Kettenacker..... | S. Baer, Rockford..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. A. Stanke..... | H. C. Sprenger, Balaton..... | 52.95 |
| Mrs. Louise Braun..... | G. Theo. Albrecht, St. Peter..... | 3.50 |
| Mrs. Bertha Fischer..... | G. Theo. Albrecht, St. Peter..... | 3.00 |
| Fred Koehn..... | Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Herman Dammann..... | A. Jul. Dysterheft, Helen..... | 33.50 |
| Mrs. A. W. Luekes, nee Beehlers..... | A. Jul. Dysterheft, Helen..... | 58.50 |
| Mrs. Gustave Bethke..... | A. Ackermann, Mankato..... | 11.00 |
| Mrs. Wm. Wemeier..... | J. G. Bradtke, Arlington..... | 4.50 |
| Mrs. H. C. Meffert..... | J. G. Bradtke, Arlington..... | 13.00 |
| F. Voelz..... | W. J. Schmidt, Danube..... | 11.00 |
| Esther Heimann..... | Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax..... | 16.50 |
| Alb. Bauermeister..... | C. W. A. Kuehner, Winthrop..... | 10.50 |
| Mrs. Anna Otto..... | C. W. A. Kuehner, Winthrop..... | 15.00 |
| Mrs. Frank C. Dindinger..... | W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson..... | 9.25 |
| Ferdinand Geier..... | W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Henry Miller..... | W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. C. F. Kock..... | W. J. Schulze, Hutchinson..... | 64.25 |
| Theo. Reifler, Sr..... | W. C. Nickels, Pelican Lake..... | 24.50 |
| Mrs. J. Mitzner..... | H. C. Sprenger..... | 36.00 |
| Gene F. H. Havemeier..... | M. C. Kunde, Brighton..... | 10.50 |
| Rev. Arnold C. Eickmann..... | L. W. Schierenbeck, Darfur..... | 5.15 |
| Ruben H. Bode..... | F. Koehler, Nicollet..... | 66.50 |
| Rev. A. Eickmann..... | P. R. Kurth, Minnesota District Pastoral Conference..... | 21.00 |

H. R. KURTH, District Treasurer.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

July 1, 1941 to June 30, 1942

Receipts

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash Balance July 1, 1941..... | \$ 7,009.49 |
| Budgetary Collections: | |
| General Administration..... | \$127,570.54 |
| Educational Institutions..... | 56,714.19 |
| Home for the Aged..... | 3,255.49 |
| For Missions..... | 221,213.61 |
| Indigent Students..... | 2,801.93 |
| General Support..... | 9,065.26 |
| School Supervision..... | 735.82 |
| To Retire Debts..... | 5,455.96 |
| Revenues..... | 78,579.65 |
| Total Collections and Revenues..... | \$505,392.45 |

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|---|---------------------|
| Non-Budgetary Receipts: | |
| From Debt Retirement Committee..... | \$ 18,650.00 |
| Sale of Minnesota Lot | 525.55 |
| From Trust Funds for Northwestern Academy | 300.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 80.70 |
| Notes Payable—Money Borrowed | 60,150.00 |
| Total Receipts | \$585,098.70 |

Disbursements

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Budgetary Disbursements: | |
| General Administration | \$ 26,628.40 |
| Theological Seminary | 24,258.99 |
| Northwestern College | 65,186.50 |
| Dr. Martin Luther College | 51,536.44 |
| Michigan Lutheran Seminary | 26,000.97 |
| Northwestern Lutheran Academy..... | 13,880.61 |
| Home for the Aged | 8,484.72 |
| Missions—General Administration.... | 715.10 |
| Indian Missions | 33,783.05 |
| Negro Missions | 18,887.78 |
| Home Missions | 166,001.49 |
| Poland Missions | 2,590.94 |
| Madison Student Mission | 1,148.03 |
| General Support | 2,432.50 |
| Indigent Student Support | 2,432.50 |
| School Supervision | 3,139.47 |
| Total Budgetary Disbursements..... | \$476,343.93 |

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|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Non-Budgetary Disbursements: | |
| Notes Paid | 89,960.00 |
| Total Disbursements | \$566,303.93 |
| Cash Balance June 30, 1942..... | \$ 25,804.26 |

Debt Statement

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Budget Debt: | |
| Notes Payable July 1, 1941..... | \$152,525.55 |
| Net Decrease in Notes Payable..... | 29,810.00 |
| Notes Payable in Budget Division, June 30 | \$122,715.55 |
| Accounts Payable (Poland Mission) | 5,121.11 |
| Total Budget Debt June 30, 1942..... | \$127,836.66 |
| Church Extension Debt: | |
| Notes Payable July 1, 1942..... | \$ 40,642.69 |
| Notes Paid Since | 29,094.00 |
| Notes Payable Church Extension Division June 30 | \$ 11,548.69 |
| Total Notes and Accounts Payable June 30, 1942 | \$139,385.35 |
| Immatures Deposits Reserves | 19,340.32 |
| Annuities Reserves | 8,350.00 |
| Total Debt June 30, 1942 | \$167,075.67 |

Allotment Statement for 12 Months

| Districts | Comm. | Receipts | Allotment |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Pacific Northwest | 1,031 | \$ 2,466.62 | \$ 3,093.00 |
| Nebraska | 4,708 | 10,335.42 | 14,124.00 |
| Michigan | 15,983 | 51,821.15 | 47,949.00 |
| Dakota-Montana | 5,798 | 14,276.73 | 17,394.00 |
| Minnesota | 31,637 | 79,427.25 | 94,911.00 |
| North Wisconsin | 39,905 | 82,341.48 | 119,715.00 |
| West Wisconsin | 40,788 | 82,248.09 | 122,364.00 |
| Southeast Wisconsin | 43,893 | 96,322.13 | 131,679.00 |
| Total | 183,743 | \$419,238.87 | \$551,229.00 |

| Districts | Deficit | Surplus | Percent of Allotment |
|------------------------|-----------|----------|----------------------|
| Pacific Northwest..... | \$ 626.38 | | 79.74 |
| Nebraska | 3,788.58 | | 73.17 |
| Michigan | | 3,872.15 | 108.07 |
| Dakota-Montana | 3,117.27 | | 82.07 |
| Minnesota | 15,483.75 | | 83.68 |

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|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| North Wisconsin | 37,373.52 | 68.78 |
| West Wisconsin | 40,115.91 | 67.21 |
| Southeast Wisconsin | 35,356.87 | 73.14 |
| Total | \$135,862.28 | \$ 3,872.15 |

Collections for Chapels

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Cash balance June 30, 1941 | \$ 1,720.78 |
| Collections since July 1, 1941 | 2,029.95 |
| Repayments on Chapel Loans | 976.92 |
| Less Disbursements for Loans | \$ 4,727.65 |
| Cash Available for Loans | \$ 3,127.65 |

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF GIFTS RECEIVED BY GENERAL TREASURER

From January 1, 1942 to June 30, 1942

For Missions

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Mr. B. E. Mayerhoff, Appleton, Wis..... | \$ 8.00 |
| J. H. Mueller Estate, Hustler, Wis..... | 300.00 |
| Mr. B. E. Mayerhoff, Appleton, Wis..... | 10.50 |
| Irene Kremer, Milwaukee, Wis..... | 5.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. J. Kremer, Milwaukee, Wis..... | 5.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Charles Muench, Milwaukee, Wis..... | 21.00 |
| Total | \$ 349.50 |

For Spiritual Welfare

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Grace Ev. Luth. Cong., Muskegon Hts., Mich..... | \$ 33.55 |
| Private Eugene Huber..... | 1.00 |
| St. Matthew's Congregation, Winona, Minn..... | 1.10 |
| Rock River Valley Lutheran Mass Chorus of Dodge County | 50.00 |
| Private Geo. Roeter..... | 1.00 |
| Private John Von Stein..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Edna Alton, Arlington, Minn..... | 5.00 |
| Calvary Lutheran University Church, Madison.... | 30.56 |
| Grace Ev. Luth. Cong., Muskegon Hts., Mich..... | 4.00 |
| Ernest P. Stoltenbury, San Francisco, Cal..... | 1.00 |
| Lutheran Drama Guild by Eric J. Kuffer, Milwaukee, Wis. | 7.89 |
| By County Clerk, A friend of Rev. F. A. Reier.... | 5.00 |
| Total | \$ 141.10 |

For Indigent Students Support

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Herman G. Cibrowski, Caledonia, Minn..... | \$ 150.00 |
|---|-----------|

For General Support

| | |
|---|-----------|
| J. H. Mueller Estate, Hustler, Wis..... | \$ 150.00 |
|---|-----------|

For Debt Retirement

| | |
|--|------------------|
| A Thankful Giver, N. N., Kenosha, Wis..... | \$ 105.00 |
| J. H. Mueller Estate, Hustler, Wis..... | 500.00 |
| Total | \$ 605.00 |

Bequests

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Herman Lange for Home for the Aged..... | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Carl Rosenthal for Synod | 190.12 |
| Wm. H. Schroer for Dr. Martin Luther College.... | 829.70 |
| Rev. R. H. Siegler for Northwestern College..... | 2,000.00 |
| Louise Meyer for General Purposes..... | 91.77 |
| Louise Meyer for Home for the Aged..... | 458.83 |
| Total | \$ 4,570.42 |

Memorial Wreaths

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Pastors of Mississippi Valley Conference in memory of Rev. R. A. Siegler..... | \$ 11.00 |
| Rev. and Mrs. John Witt for Church Extension.... | 2.00 |
| Rev. Theo. J. Mueller in memory of Mrs. Mary Seidel | 13.00 |
| Mrs. Leona Benne in memory of Paul Schultze.... | 1.00 |
| Students of Northwestern College in memory of Robert Tills | 3.12 |
| Total | \$ 30.12 |

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.