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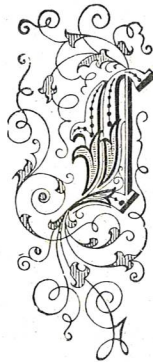
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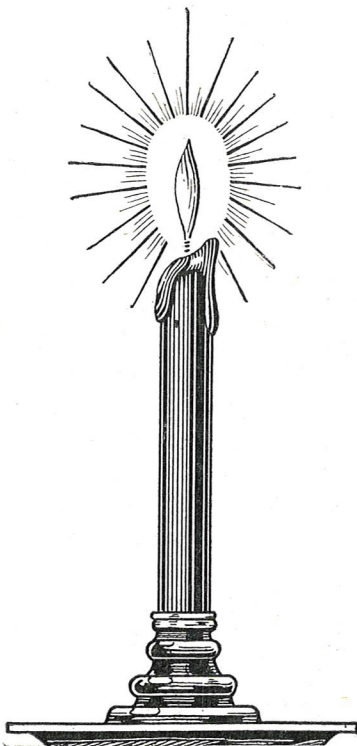
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A PRAYER



ORD GOD, our Heavenly Father, we pray Thee bless all Christian institutions of learning --- our Christian grade schools, high schools, colleges and seminaries. Grant, in Thy mercy, that parents, ministers and teachers may ever recognize and value them as the workshops of Thy Holy Spirit in which He, through the Gospel taught there, prepares for Himself a people who know Thy name and glories in the eternal redemption wrought by Thy dear Son through His bloody sufferings and death. Grant us, especially in these troublesome days, in full measure to appreciate these Christian schools as a gift of Thine unspeakable mercy and a sense of their importance, lest we frustrate Thy grace and lose this precious heritage to our own and our children's spiritual loss and harm. Hear us for His sake who said: "Feed my lambs!" Amen.



MEDITATIONS ON THE 46th PSALM

By Pastor George Luedtke, Toledo, Ohio

The Three Great Divisions of the 46th Psalm

COME, let us spiritually enjoy the source of all courage and comfort and strength. The hymn breaks up into three big waves or strophes — stanzas, if you please. Over and above the whole Psalm we may flash the words of Deut. 33, 29.

"The Eternal God is Thy Refuge and Underneath are the Everlasting Arms"

Wave No. 1—God is our Refuge — and is so in reference to natural conditions.

Wave No. 2—God is our Refuge — in reference to the rage and roar of hostile Kingdoms.

Wave No. 3—God our Refuge summons us to look at a recent example of God's delivering power, which proves all said and sung about.

*The Glad Refrain: —
The Selah!—Think it over.*

Every form of public expression, including the secular press, political or other speeches, sermons, church papers and magazines seem to be working overtime to emphasize the ideas "these troubled days," "this time of perplexity," "the present situation," "this world crisis," etc.

All through history the Church has been getting into trouble by following the leading of the world. Forgetting the lessons of the past, we are doing the same again. The world is perplexed — so are we. The world is scared — so are we. The world is seeking some way out of the tangle and jungle — so are we. — "Lebensraum." What is wrong? We are listening to the wrong voice! One nation cries: We will conquer the world. Another: Not while we and the United States stand together. Russia declares, They shall not pass. Japan insists, "We must expand," and all the while our Savior's voice is saying: "Can ye not discern the signs of the times?" Jesus said: "When these things begin to come

to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh." So we hear through the storm: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

In the Beginning God!

The psalmist finds the safe place right with the opening of his mouth. *God! Elohim*, the Triune God, is refuge! Our help is in the Name of the Father, and the

Son and the Holy Ghost. He is our refuge—Hebrew "Machaseh," which means a help in trouble, quickly to protection — and stronghold and strength—Hebrew "Naoz" — for us. God is a help in trouble quickly to be found. He is a helper in tight places, running out to meet us speedily, never too little or too late! He is not only a sure refuge and stronghold, but one easy of access when trouble comes. Our psalmist prays "Lead me to a Rock which is higher than I." *God is that Rock.* The Ark of Noah was such a place. "Come thou and all thy house into the ark." — "On this Rock I shall build my Church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." — Zion's hill was by nature a natural fortress. "They that trust in the Lord shall be as the Mount Zion, which cannot

THE 46th PSALM

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah. There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early. The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah. Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.

be moved, but abideth forever." "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth, even forever!" God is our shelter and our cover and our dwelling place in all generations. Isaiah comments: "For Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against a wall." 25, 4. God is our Refuge.

God had provided in the Old Testament cities of refuge to the Jews. We read: "Six cities ye shall have for refuge — three cities on this side of Jordan and three cities in the land of Canaan." These cities are types of

Jesus Christ sheltering the sinner from judgment. They are pictures which explain justification which comes by grace through faith, plus nothing. Jesus Christ is our refuge, for "Other refuge have we none — hangs our helpless souls on Thee." All these cities were easy of access, "a very present help in trouble." Good, smooth roads lead to these cities. There were bridges at all rivers. At the crossroads posts with inscriptions directed the fugitive to the city of refuge. These cities were well supplied with water and all kinds of provisions. No one was permitted to make weapons there. Christ our Savior is our City of Refuge.

Christ Is Our "Strong City"

We too have a "strong city" to which we may continually resort. We have a right to run to our Lord and hide there, because we have sinned willfully and inadvertently. Just as the fugitive fled pell-mell with the avenger on his heel, so let us earnestly "lay hold on the hope set before us in the Gospel." The fugitive was safe as soon as he was within the gate and could turn around and look calmly at the pursuer shaking his useless spear and grinding his teeth in disappointment. It is but a feeble shadow of the security of you and me and all who rest in Christ's Love and are sheltered by His work for sinners. — "I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no man shall pluck them out of my hand."

In our confession each Sunday we flee for refuge to his infinite Mercy. In each Communion Service we hide in His wounds behind His precious Blood, a very present Help in sin-trouble! In sermons we point to sinners the five cities of refuge — His five wounds most Holy, where we are at peace with God. We sing "Jesus Lover of my Soul! Let me to Thy bosom fly!" "Rock of Ages cleft for me, let me hide myself in Thee!" Thanks be to God our shelter — rock — fortress — stronghold are His blessed Word and lifegiving Sacraments.

Christ Is Our Strength and Tower of Refuge

We have no strength by nature. We receive strength from Him. "The Lord is my Light and my Salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" "The Lord is their strength, and He is the saving strength of His anointed." "The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace." "In God is my salvation and my glory; the Rock of my strength and my refuge is in God." "Trust in Him at all times." "Ascribe ye strength unto God — The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto His people." "My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." "They go from strength to strength, every one of them in Zion appeareth before God." "He giveth power to the faint and to them that have no might He increaseth strength — even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall! But they that wait upon

the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary — and they shall walk and not faint." — Flying — running — walking — a descending scale true to life. "God is our Refuge and Strength, a very present Help in trouble."

He is not only a sure Refuge and impregnable fortress, but He is also one of easy access. What good is a fortress, if I can't reach it? I'll get killed before I reach it. Our Savior's Cross — our Savior — God is a high tower, "a strong tower, the righteous runneth into it, and is safe." The cross is visible. Jesus runs out to meet us as did the prodigal's father. As God does in St. John 3, 16, where Jesus tells us "God so loved the world . . ." He came all the way. He gave us the robe — the ring — the supper and the kiss. As St. Paul writes: "But the righteousness, which is of faith, speaketh on this wise — say not in thine heart, who shall ascend into Heaven? (That is to bring Christ down from above.) Or who shall descend into the deep? (That is to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee even in thy mouth and in thine heart, that is, the word of faith, which we preach." "A very present help in trouble!"

"Therefore Shall We Not Fear"

We cannot fear. It is destroyed. Fear is part of our sinful nature, our earthly makeup, since Adam and Eve fell into sin and hid in the Garden of Eden. It came in with sin. Conscience makes cowards of us all. So the Bible has to and does, times without number, exclaim "fear not!" Fear not, for I am with thee; fear not to go down; fear not this or that. Fear hath pain. God slapped Joshua on the back and said: "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee — be strong and of a good courage — only be thou strong and very courageous and then thou shalt have good success." Fear always fails. "I was afraid and hid it in a napkin." Think of Elisha at Dothan: Surrounded with horses and by chariots Elisha's servant looks out of a window and sees the enemy and cries: "Alas! My Master! How shall we do?" And the prophet answered: "Fear not! For they that be with us are more than they that be with them." Yet the servant filled with fear looked white as an Easter lily and Elisha prayed, "Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes that he may see!" And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man and he saw. And behold the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha! *Therefore shall we fear not.* Fear not Mary! Fear not Zecharias! Fear not Joseph! Fear not, ye shepherds! Fear not Paul! — Why should we fear? — He is present with us. "I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless."

To what do the unbelievers run? Their strength collapses. They have an exit when trouble comes. They are sitting on a card board box, which goes down — sitting on a chair with broken legs. They run for the pistol or sleeping pills or poison. Trying to run away,

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You Answer This Question How many *new subscribers* can we get to the *Northwestern Lutheran*? The answer to this question lies entirely with the members of our Synod. As an inducement to you we are offering the *Northwestern Lutheran* to *new* readers at the price of one year's subscription. Those who subscribe now will receive every issue from now till the end of 1943 for \$1.25 by mail outside of Milwaukee; \$1.50 in Milwaukee. If a number of people order the *Northwestern Lutheran* in a pack the subscription price is considerably reduced.

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No interested Christian would want to miss such evidences of the workings and the grace of God. He will want to read about it for his own strengthening in faith. He alone knows how weak he really is and how badly he needs such encouraging messages. There ought not

to be a home within our Synod in which the *Northwestern Lutheran* is not read. It would indicate a home that is spiritually impoverished; a selfish home in which no thought is given to any thing or any one that is beyond its own back yard. Such a life, such a home will be spiritually stifled by its own narrowness. The spiritually happy home is the home that is interested in the Kingdom of God generally and is anxious to hear of the wonders of God beyond the narrow confines of its local church.

So, how are we going to answer the question of, "*how many new subscribers can we get for the Northwestern Lutheran?*" This question is addressed, of course, to the present readers — pastors and laymen alike. Yet, you are the people we must depend on to push the *Northwestern Lutheran*. Will you do it without reserve, even though it is not in every way just what you think it ought to be? We have confidence in you that you will! Go out and be messengers for us.

Should any one desire sample copies of the *Northwestern Lutheran* let him write to the Northwestern Publishing House and they will be sent to him in any number desired, free of charge.

W. J. S.

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Books for Children It is a dangerous, perplexing thing to be a boy or a girl in this day and age. Dangerous and perplexing in many ways, and especially so in view of the enormous production of so-called "children's books" which come off the presses in countless numbers to fill the little intellectual stomachs of children.

For anyone who has the time and the patience there is a wide field of investigation here — the study of the books for children. The enormous production of these books is phenomenal. Book after book, story after story, they come, in one endless flood. And yet all are as much alike

as the eggs of the same hen's laying. There is nothing surprising, to be sure, in that. The surprising thing is the rapidity with which they seem to appear.

We know little about the authors of children's books, little about their qualifications to write and publish books. Usually they shy at publicity, and frequently their modesty prompts them to write under an assumed name. We know them only as "Uncle Jake," or "Aunt Jennie."

Books for children blossom forth throughout the year, but about the Christmas season "Uncle Jake" and "Aunt Jennie" are in their glory. Then come the books filled with anecdotes for children, books in a riot of colors, red books, green books, yellow books. And uncles and aunts and friends deliver the books to the children — and the children also read them — with what results?

Do the kind donors of these books know what they are giving? Have they read or even looked over the "food" which they insist on feeding the children? Kindness no doubt prompts these gifts. But let a father examine the books which are given to his children and he will be amazed as a rule over the contents of these little volumes. — The books that should concern a father are the *books with a moral*, the books that have been written from a deep sense of duty which the writer believes he owes to the rising generation, the books that have been written to teach some moral lesson. These books, from the exciting little "tales for the nursery" to the more elaborate series of books for older children bear investigation. For the most they come under the condemnation of the words in Revelation, "Thou art neither cold nor hot — so then because thou art lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." Rev. 3. The writers of these children's books insist that they know and understand children, but very frequently they seem to forget entirely that "the imaginations of man's heart is evil from his youth," and that "foolishness" is found in the heart of a child. It is in these children's books which want to teach a moral lesson that we find a frightful confusion of the Law and the Gospel. The prime purpose of the Law, to teach sin, — the heart and soul of the Gospel, by grace are you saved through faith, is too often ignored in these books for children. The little readers are led to view themselves in the mirror of the Law with the result — "what a good boy am I." And the precious Gospel of grace is converted into a set of rules and regulations.

As we sow so shall we reap. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. Let us remember this when we place books into the hands of the children. It becomes the fathers and mothers to look into this matter of their children's literature.

A. P. V.

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Taking the Name of God in Vain "Too much god-dam," said an Australian aborigine about an American flier. To curse and take the name of God in vain is shocking to a normal

mind even though guided only by the light of the natural knowledge of God. The name of the mighty Creator and Ruler of the universe dare not be treated so irreverently by a creature, who is but as a flower that fades, and whose life is as a vapor that vanishes away.

How much more reason have not we Christians to guard constantly against the sin of cursing?

Taking the name of God in vain involves, as the Australian sensed it, an imprecation, a calling upon God to *damn*, to punish, to destroy.

Can this be a Christian's mind?

We dread damnation. We know that God can destroy both body and soul in hell. We know that on Judgment Day many will hear the terrible verdict, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels; and then they will be hurled into outer darkness where there is wailing and gnashing of teeth, where their worm dieth not and their fire is not quenched.

We rejoice that God redeemed us from damnation, that He spared not His own Son, but so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

This is our hope, our only hope. Can we lightheartedly say, God damn it?

Do we not realize how deeply God abhors such an imprecation? He is love. He seeks to save that which is lost. He sacrificed His only Son in order to save us.

That is God's mind. He cannot tolerate it if some one carelessly calls on Him to dispense damnation.

And we Christians are supposed to have God's mind.

Natural man is selfish. Natural man is filled with envy and jealousy, with hatred and a desire for revenge. Natural man will also use the name of God to vent his blood-thirsty feelings. Such expressions will become a habit with him. He will thoughtlessly use them even when he is not stirred with deep emotions.

Christians have been born again of water and of the Spirit. They are new creatures. Old things have passed away, all things are become new.

Not that all selfishness has been completely wiped out of our hearts. No, the Old Adam with his envy and jealousy, with his hates and cravings for revenge is still with us, and he is asserting himself. But he is no longer the controlling power in our heart.

From our Father, who is love, we have inherited the spirit of love. Just as He desires the salvation of sinners, so do we, and we also are ready to make sacrifices in order to see our wish fulfilled. That is our true Christian spirit.

This spirit asserts itself over against our Old Adam. When our Old Adam urges us to curse, our new spirit will warn us, as did Jesus His disciples when they were filled with thoughts of cursing, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of (Luke 9, 55).

When we are led by the Spirit, when we heed His warning or encouraging word, we will overcome the lust of our flesh to curse and take the name of God in vain.

Thus in Christians there is the temptation to curse; but there is also a vigorous struggle against the temptation, and a victory over the sin. J. P. M.

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A Plea for More Lutheran High Schools

A recent Pastors' Institute discussed various practical questions in open forum sessions. One, held under the leadership of Prof. Carl S. Meyer, Bethany Lutheran College, dealt with "The War and Christian Education." The pastors assembled felt that the whole question of education beyond the grade schools is of increasing importance, and took steps to bring the matter before the Lutheran public. Here is a copy of the resolutions they adopted.

"The members of the Pastors' Institute, held at Mankato, Minnesota, from July 6 to 10, including pastors from Missouri, Wisconsin, and Norwegian Synods, agreed on the following propositions regarding Christian secondary education:

"1. The education in Christian schools alone is that education which is required by God, since it alone truly educates the whole person, making Christian teaching basic, as it should be.

"2. Our Christian youth today is making demands for education on the higher levels far beyond those foreseen by our fathers when they established the system of parish schools. These demands are best met in our own Christian higher schools of learning.

"3. Conditions today, morally, socially, intellectually, and spiritually, demand intensified Christian training beyond the elementary levels.

"4. Whenever possible, parish schools should therefore be extended into the secondary level, if only by adding one or two grades, or consolidated junior and senior high schools should be established by the joint efforts of several congregations, particularly in the larger Lutheran centers.

"5. Where no Christian secondary schools can be established, Christian parents should be encouraged to avail themselves of those Lutheran higher schools of learning that already exist within the Synodical Conference.

"6. Pastoral conferences, teachers' conferences, circuit and congregational meetings are asked to make a serious study of the increasing need for Christian secondary education, since the problem is one of vital concern for our youth and for our whole church."

These points are worthy of prayerful consideration. Attention will be called to them again from time to time in the columns of this church paper. J. P. M.

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they run right into the arms of the living God, who is a consuming fire. God is an inescapable God. "The wicked are like the troubled sea when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked!" Is.

The Christian Is Safe in the Confusion on Earth

V. 2. The psalmist continues to show that confusion more confounded and a world topsy turvy can't scare a believer in God. He writes:

"Therefore will not we fear though the earth change and the mountains are carried into the midst of the sea. Let its waters roar and foam — boil and bellow — the mountains shake with pride and arrogance." — This is a translation from the original.

What a terrible picture the writer paints! It is as though chaos had come again. It is the tohuwabohu which prevailed before God had created order in the beginning. It is the earth going all to pieces as a barrel falls into a heap when the bands corrode. It is the earth being over-set and upset, turned topsy-turvy. The mountains teeter-totter, sinking and swaying and tumbling into a raging and roaring ocean. Let the waves and waters roar and foam — mountains shiver and shake beneath the storm. All this can't scare the soul anchored to God in Christ! What can man or mountain, sea or Satan, do to anyone whose God is his Shelter? We are all God's Samsons in Christ. What a welter and a mess! Can you think up anything worse? Can you imagine a greater upset or upheaval? The earth changes! Mountains melt as wax and run molten into the sea — sink like thunder into a yeasty ocean, which splits Heaven with rage — islands disappear. All you hear is the tossing tumult of thundering waves. — We God-trusters and Christ-believers will not fear! A bird will sit with folded wings on or in a tree during a violent storm, in howling winds, when branches rock sideways and up and down, yet the bird is unafraid. Why? The bird has wings! So it is with God's children. So are all His believers in the Church. We have wings. Like another psalmist writes: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help!" — The Church sings:

Jesus Thy Blood and righteousness
My beauty are! My glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds in these arrayed
With joy shall I lift up my head.

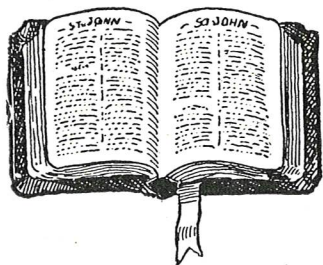
The psalmist in the face of all calamities that rage in the world against the Church, calmly says: "Selah! Amen." "Even so come Lord Jesus."

Selah! bids the music rest,
Pause in silence soft and blest!
Selah! bids uplift the strain,
Harps and voices tune again.
Selah! ends the vocal praise,
Still your hearts to God upraise!

CHRISTIAN SECONDARY EDUCATION

By Professor John P. Meyer

IN this issue of the *Northwestern Lutheran* we are publishing a set of resolutions adopted in an Open Forum meeting by members of a Pastors' Institute held at Mankato, Minnesota, during the early days of July. Pastors



and professors from our Wisconsin, the Missouri, and the Norwegian Synods attended. They discussed a matter which is of vital concern to the church of the present age in an ever increasing measure, and pertains to a problem to which many Christian par-

ents must give an answer in the very near future.

A son or daughter may have finished the eighth grade. What high school shall they attend during the coming year?

If they plan to become a teacher, or a minister, or a missionary of our church, the answer to the above question is simple. There is the high school department of Northwestern College at Watertown, Wisconsin, or of Dr. Martin Luther College at New Ulm, Minnesota; there is the Michigan Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw, Michigan, and the Northwestern Lutheran Academy at Mobridge, South Dakota. All of these high schools are maintained and operated by our own Wisconsin Synod, and it is but natural that any one who plans to prepare for the service within our Synod will enroll in the freshman class of one of these institutions which have been organized by our Synod for that very purpose.

Which High School for Your Son or Daughter?

But what about the others, who do not intend to become teachers or ministers? Is it immaterial what high school they attend?

We all know that the years after the completion of the elementary grades form the most critical period in a person's life. The entire time until full manhood or womanhood has been reached are years of development. They are the years in which knowledge is acquired, habits are formed, the character is molded. Solomon says: Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old he will not depart from it (Prov. 22, 6). But of this entire period the years of adolescence are the most critical. With proper training under the care and guidance of the Lord they are the most promising, laying a solid foundation for future well-being; but when neglected or misdirected, they are the most dangerous, working untold harm, which it is difficult to correct in later life. It is the time, as the *Britannica* well says, "during which the characteristics (mental, physical, and

moral) that are to make or mar the individual disclose themselves, and then mature" (Vol. I, p. 175).

The Dangerous Years

These years are popularly known as the *foolish* years. The Germans have the expressive terms *Flegeljahre* and *Backfishjahre*. The body of the children undergoes great changes. As a result they become very self-conscious, feeling themselves as misfits or as misjudged by every one. As a reaction, they become boisterous, or moody, trying to "show off," or sulky. Mentally also the children experience great changes. While in childhood particularly the memory accumulated stores of new knowledge, without much discrimination, during the period of adolescence judgments are formed and aims and ideals of life are set up. But it is still chiefly a groping in the dark, which calls for the most careful guidance, painstaking and sympathetic advice.

If these years are neglected, all the blessed fruits of a Christian parochial school training may be lost; but if properly handled, they may, under God, bring the seed sown in the parochial school to a happy fruition. *Make or mar*, says the *Britannica*; and continues: "This period of life, so fraught with its power for good and ill, is accordingly the most important and by far the most difficult for parents and educationists to deal with efficiently."

There is the problem for the parents whose children have completed the eighth grade.

Our Problem More Complex Now

In the days of our fathers this problem was not so acute, because very few children continued their schooling beyond the elementary grades. The end of the schooling years was eagerly looked forward to, yes the schooling was frequently abbreviated, children discontinued after the seventh grade, or even earlier, to join the group of bread-winners in the family. Not because our parents despised education; but bitter circumstances forced them to deny their children its benefits.

Today the second of the Mankato resolutions applies: "Our Christian youth is making demands for education on the higher levels far beyond those foreseen by our fathers when they established the system of parish schools."

Assuming the best possible condition under our system of separation of Church and State, namely that our public high schools are truly neutral as far as religion is concerned, that no false theories are presented to the students as established facts, that no false standards of conduct and evaluation are applied, that no false ideals are held up as models for emulation: what untold harm will be worked alone by an unbalanced program of edu-

cation during the formative years of adolescence! Christian faith and Christian ideals would by their very absence from the school program be crowded out of the consciousness of the students. Since the truth that our Christian faith is not something added to our personality but constitutes the very heart of our living, from which all our thinking, feeling, striving must be directed and controlled — since this truth is beclouded by a neutral school program, the student's views and habits will be molded accordingly during these formative years.

Take a Positive Step in the Matter

Read again the first of the Mankato resolutions: "Education in Christian schools alone is that education which is required by God, since it alone makes Christian teaching basic and thus educates the whole person." Add to this the third resolution: "Conditions today, morally, socially, intellectually, and spiritually, demand intensified Christian training beyond the elementary levels."

What is to be done? We do not mean, what is to be done about it *eventually* — Mankato resolutions 4 and 6 offer suggestions — no, what is to be done *immediately*

by parents whose children have finished the elementary grades?

The four high schools maintained by our own Wisconsin Synod for the training of future pastors and teachers have already been mentioned. They have, from their very beginning, been open also to such students as merely seek a higher education on a Christian basis.

Besides these we mention, as lying in the territory served by our Synod, the following: The Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, supported by a conference of Wisconsin and Missouri congregations of Milwaukee; the Winnebago Lutheran Academy of Fond du Lac, operated by Lutheran congregations in that vicinity; and Bethany Lutheran College, Mankato, conducted in the interest of general higher Lutheran education by the Norwegian Lutheran Synod.

Watch for the announcements of these schools in the columns of the *Northwestern Lutheran*, and prayerfully consider the responsibility God lays on Christian parents for the proper training of the children He entrusted to your care.

J. P. M.

CHRISTIAN PARENTS, ARE YOU HEEDING GOD'S COMMAND?

By F. W. Meyer, School Secretary, Milwaukee, Wis.

"**B**EHOLD all souls are Mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is Mine." Thus says the Lord. Ezekiel 18, 4. In Ephesians 6, 4 the Lord commands, "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

In these two passages the Lord lays down two distinct principles; viz., Christian children are God's possession, and, therefore, they must be trained according to His precepts.

Children Are a Sacred Trust



Since also the souls of children belong to God, and to Him only, then they are the property neither of the parents nor of the state. Consequently neither of the two has the right to exercise sole control over them, neither dare educate them for their own

benefit. "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb of His reward." Therefore parents are merely the responsible stewards of these God-given gifts. When the Lord entrusts children to parents, they

thereby not only assume grave responsibilities, but also certain rights over them. These rights are not licensed rights, but God-given rights, and therefore inalienable rights. In view of these basic facts, parents have prime authority over their children, also in matters of education. It is their responsibility to care for them properly, both bodily and spiritually. Mark well, a responsibility placed upon parents by God cannot be shifted by them upon the shoulders of others.

God Prescribes the Manner

Does not the following quotation from Luther aptly depict the present day situation concerning parental care of children: "We find but few at the present time who are solicitous that their children be provided with those things that relate to God and the soul, as that they be provided with clothes, pleasures, wealth, and honor"? This also applies to the child's education. However, God has given parents definite prerogatives which they are to follow in the education of their children, be this in the home or in the school — namely, "Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Woe to the parent who neglects to heed and follow this command of God! Children are endowed with immortal souls and are created for eternity, and must, therefore, above all be educated for eternity. This education must begin in the home at the earliest possible time so that from day to day the child may grow in wisdom and in truth. It is of paramount importance that

the precious seed planted with young and pliant hearts continue to be supplied with the proper nourishment so that the child may continue to grow in Christian knowledge. The time comes when for obvious reasons parents delegate a part of the child's training into other hands and enroll it in some school. How sad if the Christian training of the child which was begun in the home is broken off by sending the child to a school in which the Word of God is foreign! The danger is great that the child's early Christian home training is undermined. Truly, the continued Christian training of the child is God's prerogative.

A False Basis

There is great danger, also evident in our own circles, of laying too much stress on worldly education, on methods, tests, and equipment, on honor and glory, and forgetting the principal duty, that of educating the children for God and for His kingdom. The world will pass away with all its splendor and glory, "but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever," also the souls of the children will live forever. If the souls are trained only for

the world and solely in the wisdom of the world, what will become of them on that day when all will pass away? They will be lost! They have not been led to God; they did not know Him, did not walk in His ways.

Parents — Heed!

Christian parents, let it be our chief concern to give our children an education that fully meets the requirements of God, one that answers all questions of life, death, and the hereafter, one that leads our children to Jesus their Savior. To accomplish this the young soldiers of the Cross must be trained and armed for the strife with the powers of darkness so that by the grace of God they learn to fight the good fight of faith, and finally, in that supreme hour, know how to win the crown of glory.

Aside from the Christian home training, our best God-given means to achieve the above is the Christian day school. May God in His grace preserve it for us and grant us the establishment of many more Christian schools in our Synod.

THE CONVENTION OF THE MINNESOTA DISTRICT

By Professor Oscar J. Naumann, New Ulm, Minn.

Opening

AT two o'clock in the afternoon of June 22 the thirteenth biennial convention of the Minnesota District of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States was opened in the Dr. Martin Luther College auditorium. Pastor A. W. Fuerstenau conducted the devotions that opened each session.

In his presidential report Pastor Ad. Ackermann reviewed the life and labors of "Father" C. F. J. Heyer, the founder of the former Minnesota Synod. President Ackermann stressed particularly the missionary spirit of "Father" Heyer, which should serve us as an example in these days when world conditions again so clearly show us the need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the King of Love and the Prince of Peace.

Services

On Monday evening Holy Communion was celebrated in a service held in St. Paul's Church. Pastor C. W. A. Kuehner of Winthrop delivered the confessional address based on Psalm 6, 1, and President Ackermann based his sermon on Romans 10, 1-17.

On Tuesday afternoon at the beginning of the session a memorial service honoring the memory of Pastors Jacob Baur, Erdmann Pankow, and Arnold Eickmann, who had died during the past biennium, was led by Pastor A. C. Haase. Pastor Haase based his sermon on Phil 4, 9-13 and on 2 Tim. 4, 1-8.

In the evening the convention delegates together with many others again met in St. Paul's Church. Eight brethren of our district had each completed fifty or more years of active service in the Church. In recognition of this fact a special service of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord of the Church was arranged. These veterans of the Cross are Prof. G. Burk, New Ulm; Pastor Ad. Ackermann, Mankato; Pastor A. Jul. Dysterheft, Glencoe; Pastor Wm. Haar, Sr., Loretto; Pastor R. Heidmann, Arlington; Pastor C. F. Kock, Hutchinson; Pastor John Plocher and Teacher Paul Denninger, St. Paul. Prof. John Meyer of Thiensville based the thoughts of his message concerning the Christian ministry on John 21, 1-14. May the Lord graciously sustain all His ministers and permit many more of them to serve Him faithfully for fifty years and longer. — A luncheon was served in the school auditorium after the service.

The closing service Thursday evening was held in the college auditorium. Pastor F. E. Traub of Wood Lake spoke on Christian education and Pastor C. Hinz of Mason City, Iowa, on missionary work, particularly of our obligation to the men in the armed forces.

Essays

Pastor Egbert Schaller of Alma City delivered a very interesting and instructive "Popular Exegesis of 1 Corinthians 5-6", through which we were again reminded that the Lord expects Christian congregations to "assume the burden of exercising Christian judgment."

The Rev. Dr. Paul W. Spaude began the reading of his essay entitled "The Progress of True Lutheranism in the Old Minnesota Synod." This essay, showing the various steps from a rather lax and liberal teaching to staunch, conservative Lutheranism, will be completed at the next session of the District Synod.

Elections

The following men were intrusted or again intrusted with the official duties of the Synod: Pastor Ad. Ackermann, President; Pastor Paul E. Horn, First Vice-President; Pastor A. W. Koehler, Second Vice-President; Pastor R. Schierenbeck, Pastor C. F. Bolle, and Mr. Martin Bode, Mission Board Members; Pastor Wm. C. Albrecht, Teacher H. Luehring, and Mr. W. Retzlaff, District School Board Members; Pastor A. W. Fuerstenau, Student Supervisor; Pastor R. Haase, Secretary; Pastor M. J. Lenz, Assistant Secretary; Pastor H. Lietzau, Doctrinal Recorder; Mr. H. R. Kurth, Treasurer; Pastor E. G. Hertler, Finance Secretary; Prof. R. Janke, Statistician.

Reports

The reports of the various branches of our work were presented to the convention. An appreciable growth in all branches of our work gives us cause to thank the Lord for His gracious blessing that has accompanied our efforts. May He continue to establish and prosper the work of our hands.

Finances

Mr. Kurth, who has faithfully served the District as treasurer for twenty years, addressed the convention on Thursday afternoon. He emphasized two points particularly. First, in view of the changed economic conditions in our country, every congregation should consider it its duty to adjust the salaries of pastors, teachers, and professors to suit these changed conditions. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Luke 10, 7. Secondly, the time is ripe to pay the last indebtedness of Synod. This debt amounts to less than one dollar per communicant member. Increased incomes should now be accompanied by increased contributions from every faithful member. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Malachi 3, 10. The time to heed this Word is at hand.

Christian Education — S. W. C. — Missions

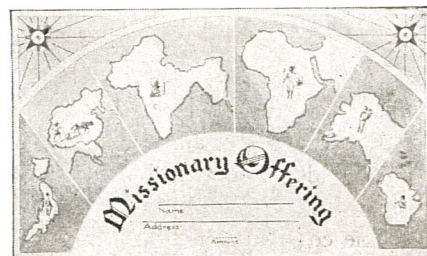
The chief work of the Church is to preach the Gospel. By the grace of God this work is going on steadily and the Lord is showing us an appreciable increase in the harvest of souls. Four new missions were opened, one became self-supporting, three were privileged to build new houses of worship. This growth should serve to encourage us in our work.

The work of the Spiritual Welfare Committee among our young men in the armed forces is being done faithfully, efficiently, and with excellent results. Thousands of our members are in this manner being served by their Church, and through the literature that they pass on to fellow-soldiers others are learning to know their Savior.

But the very fact that thousands of our young men and young women, who are either in the army or in defense work of some kind, can now be reached only by mail should remind parents of their sacred duty of bringing up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. How important it is that we provide Christian schools and Christian teachers for our children while we have them at home. The times will not change much in this respect; children will always grow up and leave home. What a comfort those parents have who have trained up their child in the way that he should go. They can be assured that when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22, 6. When he leaves home, he takes his Savior with him.

Let us therefore ask the Lord to give us a greater interest in and increased support for Christian schools where our children may be prepared for and armed against the eventualities of life.

MISSION FESTIVALS



The Total Offerings for Missions Reported Here Amount to \$1,912.36 — 8 Congregations

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

St. John's Church, Lewiston, Minn.
Offering: \$407.92. Rud. P. Korn, pastor.
Christ Church, Cochrane, Wis.
Offering: \$317.31. C. F. Kurzweg, pastor.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Zion Church, Hidewood Twp., So. Dak.
Offering: \$136.60. R. A. Kettenacker, pastor.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Friedens Church, Randolph, Wis.
Offering: \$164.03. H. R. Zimmermann, pastor.

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Cross Church, Rockford, Minn.
Offering: \$355.51. S. Baer, pastor.

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

St. John's Church, Rising City, Nebr.
Offering: \$208.44. H. H. Spaude, pastor.

No Date

Immanuel Church, Woodville, Wis.
Offering: \$105.00. E. M. Schroeder, pastor.
Immanuel Church, Hadar, Nebr.
Offering: \$217.55. L. H. Tesmer, pastor.

Siftings

BY THE EDITORS

The Security of Lutheran Schools. — *News Service* quotes Prof. H. O. A. Keinath (Seward, Nebr.) as follows: "History argues that we have no reason to allow ourselves to believe that we are meeting obstacles that cannot be surmounted. The Lutheran school can continue to exist; it is needed today, perhaps more so than it was in the days of the pioneers of our Church. But the Lutheran school is *founded upon the faith of the Christians*. Our people will support the schools so long as there is within them that love of Christ which causes them to say by words and deeds, I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. — But if our schools should go, other things that have become dear to us in the Lutheran Church will go with them. All history therefore calls to our Missouri Synod (We add: also to our own dear Wisconsin Synod. — Ed.) in this matter of schools: Hold fast that thou hast, that no man take thy crown."

Ponder these words, especially the sentence we underscored. Parents who from hearts terror-stricken by their sinfulness rejoice in Jesus as their blessed Savior, will not be satisfied until they have done their utmost to transmit to their beloved children a well-grounded, intelligent, appreciative faith in their Savior as a highly treasured, yea priceless, heirloom.

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According to a *New York Times* editorial the Norwegian State Church has definitely severed its relation with the state and has become an independent body. This, however, was not done because of any conviction on the point of separation of Church and State, but to get out from under the condition created by the Quisling-Nazi combination. Last March, you will remember, all the bishops resigned after Quisling had intruded one of his own men upon the worshipers in the Trondheim Cathedral. Since then the entire Norwegian clergy has resigned from the State Church and has organized as an independent body. In a meeting of the five bishops and one dean they gave out this statement, according to the *New York Times*:

"It would seem that the Church has suffered defeat . . . for indeed it has no temporal power; the fact is, however, that it has won a great victory in preserving an unbroken front inside as well as outside its realm. We are fighting for the right to work freely without illegal interference from the state to create a *free church*."

We hope that this is not just a momentary thing but that the Norwegian Church will always remain from this time forth, a *free church*, and that under its new charter it will grow more positive in practice and confession. We wish the new church God's blessing.

Election of Theological Professor. — While our own Wisconsin Synod has delegated the actual election of theological professors to the Board of Regents of the Theological Seminary, the Norwegian Lutheran Church in America performs this task in its synodical conventions. In connection with an election of this kind held at the recent meeting of the Norwegian Church in Minneapolis the reporter in the *Lutheran Herald* had this to say: "The N. L. C. A. considers that no more important task can come before the convention than the election of a professor of theology. We believe that the church is right in this estimate. No task in the kingdom of God is minor; the choice of no man for a position of trust in the church is a matter of indifference; as has already been stated, the church never considers it so. — The election of a theological professor is in a class by itself. It is the only office to which the convention elects a man 'for life'. The Seminary is the heart of the church — it is our 'school of the prophets'. Its graduates go from the classroom to the ministry of the church. Since *the church cannot rise to a higher level than its ministry*, the proper training of men for the ministry is of supreme importance."

True, the professors of our Theological Seminary carry a heavy responsibility. Do not forget to support them with your prayer.

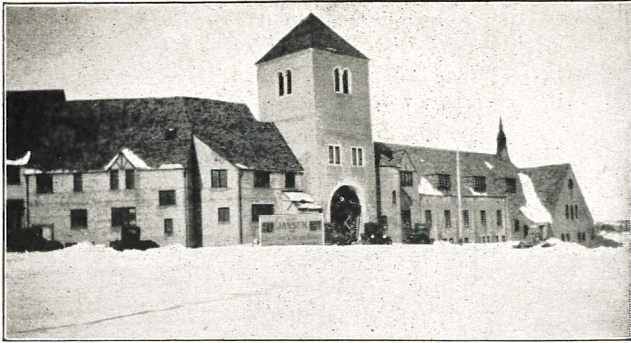
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Pfotenhauer Monument. — It is fitting that we remember those who have taught us the Word of God. By popular subscription the Missouri Synod erected a monument to the memory of its long-time president, Friedrich Pfotenhauer, D. D. It was unveiled on June 14. It is a plain cross, on the base of which are recorded the dates, birth and death, of President Pfotenhauer and of his wife, who preceded him in death by only eight months. The fact is mentioned that Dr. Pfotenhauer served as president of the Missouri Synod from 1911 to 1935.

The message which this monument is intended to impress on the visitor is expressed symbolically. Luther's well-known coat of arms greets one's from near the base, just above the name of Dr. Pfotenhauer, while at the intersection of the cross bar with the upright shaft there is a proclamation of Christ's victory in the word NIKA, over which one reads the old Greek abbreviations for the name Jesus Christ, IC and XC. Yes, Jesus Christ is the Conqueror of death.

Dr. Pfotenhauer was, above all, a devout Christian who loved his Savior, and an indefatigable laborer in the Lord's Kingdom, be this as a traveling missionary on the open plains of the Great West, or as the executive head of the large Missouri Synod, or in the more quiet years of his life's evening as Honorary President of his Synod. — We do well to cherish his memory. J. P. M.

OUR COLLEGES CALL OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Thiensville, Wisconsin

The new school year will be opened, God granting, on September 22. Opening services will be held in the chapel of the Seminary at 10 o'clock in the morning. Friends are cordially invited.

Joh. P. Meyer.



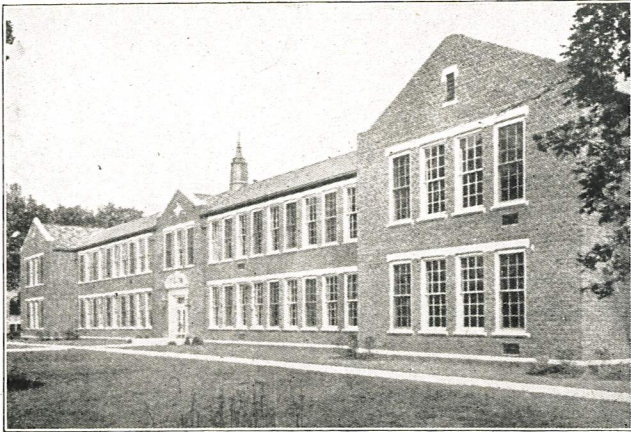
NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE
Watertown, Wisconsin

Northwestern College will open on Monday, September 21. The usual opening day for the fall term was the Wednesday after Labor Day, but this year the government requested us to postpone the opening day in order to make it possible for the large number of students working in canning factories to stay at that work until the end of the canning season.

Most of the time lost from the regular schedule by this late opening will be made up in the course of the year by shortening vacations during the year and eliminating certain one-day holidays.

Opening Date: Monday, September 21, 1942.

E. E. Kowalke.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE
New Ulm, Minnesota

The new school year at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, will begin on Tuesday, September 22, at 8:30 A. M. All inquiries and applications should be directed to the undersigned.

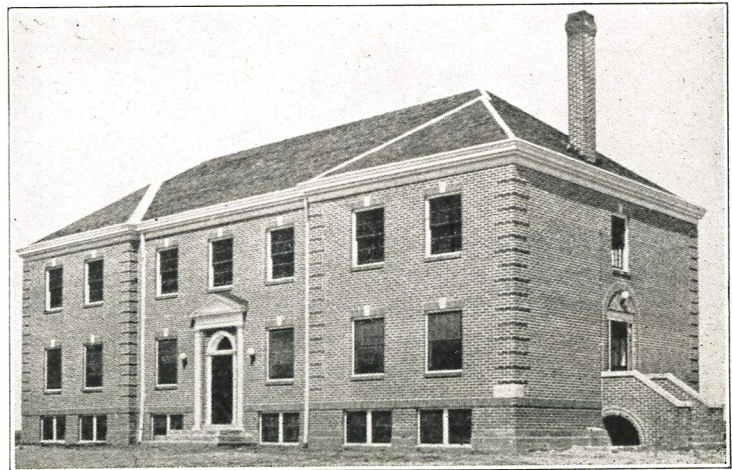
Carl L. Schweppe,
New Ulm, Minnesota.



MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY
Saginaw, Michigan

The new school year is to begin September 8, at 9:30 A. M. Rev. Werner Franzmann, who has accepted the call as inspector, will be inducted into his new office in the opening service.

Please, announce all new scholars as early as possible.
Otto J. R. Hoenecke, President.



NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY
Mobridge, South Dakota

Synod's outpost of Christian higher education. Registration and opening services, 2:00 P. M., Monday, September 14. Class work begins, 8:30 A. M., Tuesday, September 15. For further information write to —

R. A. Fenske, President,
Mobridge, South Dakota.

WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

The new school year of this institution, offering the classical academic courses and commercial, begins September 8, at 9:00 A. M.

G. E. Bergemann, Director.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

Mankato, Minnesota

An accredited school owned and operated by the Norwegian Synod of the Synodical Conference invites our Lutheran boys and girls to pursue their academic training in its midst. The school offers the regular high school and junior college curricula, as well as commercial subjects and music. Bethany has also been approved by the War and Navy department as a school in which men who have enlisted on a deferred basis may continue their schooling.

A faculty of Synodical Lutherans insures Christian instruction, Christian discipline, and Christian relationships.

Students who wish to enter should send their previous school records to the registrar before the opening of school. Registration will take place, D. v., on Tuesday, September 8. Opening exercises will be held on Wednesday morning, September 9.

For further information address the president —

Dr. S. C. Ylvisaker,
Bethany College,
Mankato, Minnesota.

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 13th Street,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

POSTPONEMENT OF SEMINARY OPENING

Among the announcements for school openings the readers of the *Northwestern Lutheran* will find that the new year in the Seminary at Thiensville is to begin about two weeks later than ordinarily. This change is caused by the conditions of the times through which we are passing.

Due to the fact that many of our young men of our country are called into military service for the defense of the nation, a serious disturbance of the labor situation is inevitable. The harvest must be brought in, and perishable fruits must be preserved if they are not to be wasted. Since Seminary students, including now pre-theological students after their sophomore year in college, are exempted by the Selective Service Act from military service, they should serve our country in other ways as far as is consistent with the letter and the spirit of the draft law. For that reason the opening of the new school year was postponed for two weeks, till the end of the corn canning season.

From past experience we know that even in normal times a certain labor shortage occurs every year also during the last week or ten days before Christmas. The Post Office, Express Companies, and others, would call for help to handle the extra amount of business of the season. Whether the situation will be as difficult this year as in ordinary times, or more difficult, it is hard to estimate at present. In order to be ready, however for any event the Seminary schedule was so arranged that the Christmas recess will begin a few days earlier than usual.

Is it advisable to drop so much time from the working year of the Seminary? Will not the training of the students suffer? No doubt this shortening of the time will affect the work of the school. We hope and pray that by the grace of God normal times may soon return so that the old schedule which has proved its worth through many years may again be applied.

In the mean time, however, we must do the best we can. To make up for the lengthened Christmas holidays the customary Thanksgiving recess (Thursday and Friday) will be dropped this year. The school will not be in session during those days. — The loss of the two weeks at the beginning of the fall term will be compensated, in part, by extra classes between Christmas and Easter. This time, as a rule the most quiet of the whole year, will be exceptionally long since Easter in 1943 will fall very late (April 25). We thus hope that we shall be able to arrange fifty extra lectures for each class during that period without unduly over-taxing the students.

May the Lord of the Church continue with our Seminary, with its teachers and students, that faithful ministers of the Gospel be trained for His Kingdom, and may He soon return peace to a war-torn world, so that the work of saving souls may be carried on without hindrance. J. P. M.

DAKOTA AGAIN A HORN OF PLENTY

By Pastor Paul Albrecht, Bowdle, So. Dak.

DURING the past years, you heard and read much about the trying times and conditions through which your brethren in the Dakotas had to pass. You read about the terrible droughts of 1934 and 1936; about grain sown in the spring and not sprouting before September; about hot winds that seared and withered everything in their path; about hoppers that filled the sky like snowflakes and devoured all vegetation upon which they descended, destroying entire crops that were ready to be harvested; about locusts and mormon crickets and beetles that ate every leaf and blade of green; about cutworms that, in a single day, mowed down entire fields of growing grain. You read about cattle so weak from starvation they had to be shot as an act of mercy; about train loads upon train loads of livestock shipped to other states for feeding. You heard of dust storms that turned noon into midnight and piled dust and sand high like drifts of snow in January.

We were told that man, by his unwise use of the soil, had so upset nature that the formerly fertile and produc-

tive prairies were turning into desert; it would never rain enough again to produce a harvest.

Although conditions were not quite as depressing and hopeless as you were sometimes led to believe, these were trying times for our people. Some of them, no longer able to eke out a living here, sought opportunities in California and the Pacific Northwest; others went east. Our congregations suffered heavy losses through removals. Congregations which had been self-supporting for decades felt compelled to appeal to the Synod for financial assistance.

Today all this is changed. The Lord has again given rain, for which we had so earnestly prayed and for which we now thank Him on bended knees. Dakota has come back, has become a veritable paradise like unto Canaan in the days of Joshua and like unto Egypt in the days of Joseph. The wide expanses of the prairies are waving with golden grain the like of which has not been seen here within the memory of any living person. Cattle, fat and satisfied, stand in living green leaving more for the future

than they are able to devour now. The Lord has given us more than we had dared to ask; he has blest us more than we are able to measure.

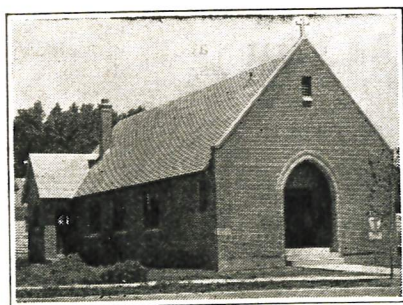
We know that our people are going to show their gratitude in many ways for what the Lord has given them. We believe that, of their increased income, they will contribute liberally for the work of the Lord so that His grace and mercy may be proclaimed wherever He calls us. Our mission congregations have already made a commendable start. Out of gratitude for what the Lord has given them they have cheerfully taken it upon themselves to provide the salary increases which were recently voted for our missionaries so that the Synod's treasury may not be affected by said increases.

May the Lord give us all grace to receive His unmerited blessing penitently, humbly, and to use it to the honor and glory of His most holy name.

CHURCH DEDICATION

GRACE EV. LUTH. CHURCH, PUEBLO, COLORADO

JULY 19 was a red letter day for Grace Ev. Lutheran Congregation of Pueblo, Colorado. After months of waiting and working the new church home was ready for dedication. Services were arranged with Pastors A. C. Bauman, Ordway, Colorado, the Colorado Mission's Chairman, John Witt, Norfolk, Nebraska, President of the Nebraska District, and Herbert Witt, Lamar, Colorado, as the speakers. During the afternoon service the



Grace Ev. Lutheran Church,
Pueblo, Colorado

local pastor, Pastor J. B. Erhart, was privileged to examine and confirm three children and two adults, and baptize one child and one adult. The Junior Choir sang in two of the services. After the evening service the local pastor showed movies of the growth of the congregation from the time he began work until the present, also movies of the church and parsonage from their beginnings through the stages of construction to the present time. Fine attendances were enjoyed at all services.

A Bit of History

The history of Grace Church dates back almost two years. After a survey of mission possibilities in this city

at the insistence of Pastor Bauman, our pioneer missionary in the state, it was decided to tender Pastor J. B. Erhart of Jamestown, South Dakota, a call. At this time Pueblo numbered 55,000 inhabitants. However, this "Steel City of the West" with the outbreak of war became a mighty defense center, and as a result the growth was very rapid. Today its census will show right at 100,000 inhabitants. There are three other Lutheran churches in the city, but all south of the Arkansas River, and about four miles from our church. We feel we have an ideal location, since we are in a fine district of the city, and also, the business houses are largely on this side of the river.

The specific location of the church is on the corner of 24th Street and 2nd Avenue. The parsonage is just north of the church. Street car service passes in front of the church. The main highway to Colorado Springs and Denver and to Canon City is just two blocks to the east.

Pastor Erhart arrived in Pueblo September 24, 1940. It was necessary for him to start from the very beginning. There was no Lutheran congregation to welcome him upon his arrival. After much searching he decided to conduct services in the two front rooms of his home. God richly blessed his labors in this new field. Briefly the history reads as follows: The first service was conducted October 6, 1940. January 1, 1941, the new congregation was organized and incorporated. The first communion was held January 5; January 19 Pastor Erhart was formally installed; February 23 the congregation resolved to borrow \$600.00 from a private source and with it to buy lots on which a church and parsonage might be built. In the fall of 1941 Synod loaned the congregation \$2,500 with which to build a church. The cornerstone was laid March 8, 1942. Work was begun November 1, 1941, and after a hard winter and summer of work the building was dedicated July 19, 1942.

Appointments of New Building

The architect's plans called for a \$10,000.00 tapestry brick building with tile finish inside. The building is 66 by 29 feet, and will seat 200 people.

Entering the front arch and ascending the steps to the outside platform within the arch, one enters the vestibule, which in turn is separated from the auditorium by swinging doors. Off the vestibule are rest rooms. In the main auditorium the walls are red tile up to four feet and from there on up to the eaves the tile is cream colored; the ceiling is white vintex; three hanging lights illuminate the auditorium; the windows are set in tiers of three. Passing up three circular steps in front of the altar niche, one passes under a massive red tapestry brick arch into the altar niche. Here the walls correspond to those of the auditorium. The altar is a beautiful piece of workmanship by the pastor and a member. Off to the left is the pastor's study, which also serves as a sacristy. It also is finished like the auditorium, and has an outside entrance. To the right of the altar is a stairwell leading to the basement, and to a rear entrance to the church. The furnace

is coal burning and heat is circulated through the building by a motor driven fan.

Total Small Indebtedness

The total indebtedness of the congregation is about \$5,000, arranged so that the local treasury may pay it off. The cost is considerably under the architect's estimate. This is due chiefly to the labor freely donated by people, some 2,000 work-hours. The pastor, we know, was on the job almost constantly, and oftentimes under great handicaps. We would neglect gravely if we would not mention the work of the pastor's wife. Perhaps some day you will hear the whole story of our mission work in Pueblo. Today the clouds are beginning to lift and the sun is peeping through here and there. God's sunshine, His glorious Gospel, will make it what prayers have desired it to be.

Thus far thirteen voters have signed the Constitution; sixteen have been confirmed; nineteen have been baptized and two marriages have been solemnized. About 150 souls claim membership at Grace Lutheran.

The congregation is exceedingly grateful to the Lord of Grace who has so bountifully blessed thus far, and earnestly prays that He would abide with her and make her a blessing to many to the praise of His Name!

H. Witt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE — DIRECTORY LIST OF NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ANNUAL AND GEMEINDEBLATT KALENDER

Pastors, professors, teachers, lady teachers, who have changed their address since the last Annual was issued are requested to report their new address by the first of October; later corrections cannot be considered.

In reporting correction use a postal card and state — Your full name.

Whether you are pastor, professor, etc.

Your place of residence (street and number if possible).

Your post-office.

R. F. D. No.

County and State.

Of which synod are you a member?

Do you reside in a rural district?

If the latter is the case, which is the nearest city?

In which direction is it from your place of residence?

How far is it away?

This notice also applies to such as have so far not held office and were therefore not listed.

Northwestern Publishing House,
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Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The St. Croix Pastoral Conference will meet in Salem Ev. Lutheran Church, Woodbury Town, the Rev. H. E. Lietzau, pastor, on Tuesday, September 8, beginning at 9:00 o'clock, with a divine service at which the Sacrament of the Altar will be administered.

Confessional sermon by E. H. Bruns (R. C. Ave-Lalle-mant).

Essay: "Exegesis on Galatians," J. Pieper.

P. R. Kurth, Sec'y.

NORTHERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Northern Pastoral Conference of the Michigan District will convene September 21 and 22, 1942, 9:00 A. M. sharp, at Grace Lutheran Church, Flint, Michigan, V. Winter, pastor.

Papers: "Origin, Significance and Purpose of Public Examination of Confirmands," H. Eckert; "Exegesis on Psalm 22," A. Kehrberg; "Exegesis on Gal. 3, 21-29," A. Voges; "Exegesis of John 5, 24-29," A. Sauer.

Sermon: O. Eckert (O. J. Eckert).

Confessional: O. J. R. Hoenecke (O. Frey).

Remarks: Kindly announce to the local pastor in due time whether you desire meals or lodgings or both.

Conrad Frey, Sec'y.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Two former pastors of our Minnesota District of the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States, Messrs. Carl Schmidt and Ed. A. Hempeck, are not eligible for the office of the holy ministry.

Signed:

A. Ackermann, President.

Paul E. Horn, 1st Vice-President.

Arthur W. Koehler, 2nd Vice-President.

June 30, 1942.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. B. Moeller and Pastor M. Schuetze having resigned as members of the Board of Support, I have appointed Pastors R. Huth, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and C. Wm. A. Kuehner, Winthrop, Minnesota, to fill the vacancies.

John Brenner.

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Upon request a form for the calling of male and women teachers has been prepared. If any pastor desires such a form, send stamped and self-addressed envelope to F. W. Meyer, 2663 North Palmer Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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Huge government projects are underway at Winslow, Belmont (Flagstaff and Williams), and Kingmann, Arizona. Anyone knowing of fellow-Lutherans, individuals or families, moving to any portion of Northern Arizona are kindly requested to submit their names together with addresses to —

The Rev. J. E. Schaefer,
Winslow, Arizona.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

Authorized by the president of the Michigan District, Pastor J. Gauss, the undersigned on July 26 ordained and installed Candidate Raymond Frey as pastor of Immanuel Ev. Luth. Church of Findlay, Ohio. President J. Gauss and the Pastors F. Zimmerman and T. Sauer assisted.

Address: Rev. Raymond Frey, 837 Park Street, Findlay, Ohio. O. Frey.

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On June 21, I installed Rev. Krug in his church at Ripon, Wisconsin. Rev. W. Pless and Rev. E. Pankow assisted. President W. Pankow of the North Wisconsin District authorized the installation.

Address: Rev. Clayton Krug, 117 Shephard Street, Ripon, Wisconsin. E. G. Behm.

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

April, May, June, 1942

| Reverend | Budgetary |
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| G. F. Albrecht, Ixonia..... | \$ 201.71 |
| H. F. Backer, Chaseburg..... | 494.06 |
| H. F. Backer, Hamburg..... | 85.00 |
| J. C. Bast, McMillan..... | 258.00 |
| J. C. Bast, March..... | 115.00 |
| Wm. Baumann, Neillsville..... | 295.65 |
| Wm. Baumann, Hay Creek..... | 36.85 |
| H. E. Bentrup, Wilson..... | 59.64 |

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| H. E. Bentrup, Ridgeway..... | 144.46 |
| Arthur Berg, Sparta..... | 355.11 |
| A. F. Berg, Norwalk..... | 46.95 |
| C. E. Berg, Ridgeville..... | 100.40 |
| L. C. Bernthal, T. Trenton..... | 93.86 |
| Dr. J. B. Bernthal, So. Milwaukee..... | 1.00 |
| R. C. Biesmann, Rib Falls..... | 180.27 |
| R. C. Biesmann, T. Rib Falls..... | 91.92 |
| R. C. Biesmann, T. Stettin..... | 143.46 |
| L. M. Bleichwehl, Onalaska..... | 76.45 |
| E. Blumenthal, Wausau..... | 50.00 |
| A. H. Dobberstein, Tuckertown..... | 90.25 |
| A. H. Dobberstein, Lime Ridge..... | 59.25 |
| A. G. Dornfeld, Fox Lake..... | 506.34 |
| A. C. Dornfeld, Marshfield..... | 56.70 |
| M. F. Drews, Oak Grove..... | 180.88 |
| F. F. Ehlert, Eitzen..... | 40.00 |
| A. J. Engel, Pardeeville..... | 309.81 |
| Otto Engel, Richwood..... | 167.69 |
| Otto Engel, Hubbleton..... | 160.15 |
| S. Fenske, Bruce..... | 70.25 |
| G. F. Fischer, Bloomer..... | 50.02 |
| G. F. Fischer, Eagleton..... | 185.42 |
| Gerhard Fischer, Mosquito Hill..... | 92.00 |
| Gerhard Fischer, Savanna..... | 280.00 |
| E. C. Fredrich, Helenville..... | 230.53 |
| G. H. Geiger, Shennington..... | 52.07 |
| G. H. Geiger, T. Lincoln..... | 46.55 |
| G. H. Geiger, T. Knapp..... | 4.86 |
| Henry Geiger, Leeds..... | 175.15 |
| G. Gerth, T. Merrimac..... | 13.00 |
| G. Gerth, Caledonia..... | 8.00 |
| G. Gerth, Greenfield..... | 11.00 |
| Henry Gieschen, Fort Atkinson..... | 686.56 |
| F. Gilbert, Indian Creek..... | 115.25 |
| F. Gilbert, Hustler..... | 21.85 |
| M. Glaeser, Hillsboro..... | 56.82 |
| M. Glaeser, Wonewoc..... | 383.04 |
| W. E. Gutzke, La Crosse..... | 207.44 |
| A. Hanke, T. Norton..... | 110.25 |
| John Henning, Jr., T. Dallas..... | 85.64 |
| John Henning, Jr., Prairie Farm..... | 671.15 |
| M. J. Hillemann, Marshall..... | 175.62 |
| R. C. Hillemann, Ixonia..... | 323.02 |
| O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake..... | 119.25 |
| O. E. Hoffmann, T. Greenwood..... | 40.55 |
| R. C. Horlamus, Hurley..... | 136.86 |
| R. C. Horlamus, Mercer..... | 54.04 |
| Herbert Kesting, Pickwick..... | 12.65 |
| Herbert Kesting, Minnesota City..... | 121.93 |
| Wm. Keturakat, Sun Prairie..... | 24.00 |
| Wm. Keturakat, Cottage Grove..... | 375.00 |
| H. C. Kirchner, Baraboo..... | 869.79 |
| L. C. Kirst, Beaver Dam..... | 124.15 |
| L. C. Kirst, Beaver Dam (Lutheran Mass Choir)..... | 1,502.62 |
| J. Klingmann and Wm. Eggert, Watertown..... | 25.35 |
| L. J. Koenig, Mosinee..... | 174.00 |
| E. E. Kolander, Marathon..... | 154.10 |
| R. P. Korn, Lewiston..... | 18.95 |
| G. O. Krause, Little Black..... | 131.44 |
| G. O. Krause, Stetsonville..... | 172.00 |
| W. R. Krueger, Friesland..... | 47.48 |
| W. R. Krueger, Dalton..... | 138.00 |
| H. Kuckhahn, St. Charles..... | 168.90 |
| O. P. Kuehl, Cambria..... | 891.00 |
| O. Kuhlrow, Jefferson..... | 61.00 |
| C. F. Kurzweg, Cream..... | 86.68 |
| C. F. Kurzweg, Cochrane..... | 116.34 |
| P. Lehmann, Ableman..... | 214.00 |
| M. F. Lesener, T. Maine..... | 124.91 |
| W. C. Limpert, Altura..... | 312.25 |
| F. W. Loeper, Whitewater..... | 225.00 |
| F. W. Loeper, Richmond..... | 51.36 |
| Theo. Mahnke, Madison..... | 46.07 |
| G. C. Marquardt, Ringles..... | 287.08 |
| A. L. Mennicke, Winona..... | 48.04 |
| F. H. Miller, Platteville..... | 350.00 |
| J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonie..... | 102.06 |
| P. Monhardt, South Ridge..... | 312.50 |
| R. W. Mueller, Medford..... | 150.16 |
| T. J. Mueller, La Crosse..... | 627.70 |
| H. C. Nitz, Waterloo..... | 229.86 |
| Herbert Nommensen, Fountain City..... | 730.99 |
| M. J. Nommensen, Juneau..... | 536.70 |
| Wm. Nommensen, Columbus..... | 30.87 |
| W. O. Nommensen, Green Valley..... | 74.50 |
| W. O. Nommensen, Rozellville..... | 69.31 |
| E. J. Otterstatter, Tomahawk..... | 265.99 |
| W. W. Paap, Johnson Creek..... | 161.48 |
| H. A. Pankow, Beyer Settlement..... | 38.16 |
| H. A. Pankow, Poplar Creek..... | 55.47 |
| H. A. Pankow, Iron Creek..... | 727.00 |
| J. H. Paustian, Barre Mills..... | 133.10 |
| N. E. Paustian, Oconomowoc..... | 265.40 |
| W. A. Paustian, West Salem..... | 170.85 |
| E. E. Prenzlou, Cornell, Keystone, Birch Creek..... | 319.69 |
| J. M. Raasch, Lake Mills..... | 515.14 |
| A. W. Sauer, Winona..... | 636.00 |
| H. Schaller, Tomah..... | 20.00 |
| E. C. Schewe, Brodhead..... | 25.25 |
| R. Schoeneck, Rice Lake..... | 155.75 |
| F. A. Schroeder, Stoddard..... | 169.00 |
| W. E. Schulz, T. Berlin..... | 35.48 |
| A. Schumann, Globe..... | 776.22 |
| W. A. Schumann, La Crosse..... | 73.95 |
| F. H. Senger, Arcadia..... | 34.17 |
| C. W. Siegler, Portland..... | 235.00 |
| C. W. Siegler, Bangor..... | 27.88 |
| O. A. Sommer, Little Falls..... | 5.00 |
| O. A. Sommer, Cataract..... | 54.10 |
| E. A. Toepel, Lebanon..... | 23.26 |
| Wm. R. Thierfelder, Madison..... | 456.00 |
| K. A. Timmel, Watertown..... | 106.16 |
| C. Toppe, Auburn..... | |

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| C. Toppe, Brush Prairie..... | 55.50 |
| L. C. Vater, Goodrich..... | 17.55 |
| M. W. Wahl, Cambridge..... | 111.64 |
| M. W. Wahl, Cold Spring..... | 29.55 |
| E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids..... | 112.45 |
| H. M. Warnke, Doylestown..... | 193.90 |
| H. M. Warnke, Fountain Prairie..... | 130.96 |
| H. M. Warnke, Fall River..... | 167.00 |
| W. Weissgerber, Minocqua..... | 164.18 |
| W. Weissgerber, Woodruff..... | 72.75 |
| W. Weissgerber, Winchester..... | 15.75 |
| A. A. Winter, Mauston..... | 382.25 |
| A. A. Winter, New Lisbon..... | 164.97 |
| L. A. Winter, Eau Galle..... | 226.62 |
| L. A. Winter, Plum City..... | 99.15 |
| L. A. Winter, Elmwood..... | 32.10 |
| L. A. Witte, Kendall..... | 138.17 |
| L. A. Witte, Dorset Ridge..... | 27.12 |
| W. E. Zank, Newville..... | 265.77 |
| W. E. Zank, T. Deerfield..... | 248.51 |
| T. Zarembo, Spirit..... | 22.50 |
| T. Zarembo, Prentice..... | 21.50 |
| H. R. Zimmermann, Randolph..... | 245.04 |
| G. W. Zunker, Elroy..... | 58.25 |

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| Budgetary..... | \$ 27,314.71 |
| Non-Budgetary..... | 62.19 |
| Total for April, May, June, 1942..... | \$ 27,376.90 |

Memorial Wreaths

| In Memory of | Reverend | Amount |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Mrs. Minnie Schwanke..... | A. Berg, Sparta..... | \$ 15.00 |
| Mrs. Gustave Berg..... | A. Berg, Sparta..... | 4.00 |
| Gustav Marquardt..... | A. J. Engel, Pardeeville..... | 2.00 |
| Wm. Micheels..... | Henry Geiger, Morrisonville..... | 1.00 |
| Wm. Niebuhr..... | M. Glaeser, Wonewoc..... | 8.00 |
| Wm. Micheels..... | J. Henning, Jr., T. Prairie Farm..... | 16.50 |
| Rev. J. F. Henning, Sr..... | J. Henning, Jr., T. Prairie Farm..... | 18.00 |
| Henry Arnold..... | J. Henning, Jr., T. Prairie Farm..... | 12.00 |
| Fred Lentz..... | J. Henning, Jr., T. Prairie Farm..... | 21.50 |
| Mrs. Ferdinand Meyer..... | O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake..... | 7.50 |
| L. C. Sievert..... | J. Klingmann and W. Eggert, Wat..... | 32.61 |
| Rev. A. Eickmann..... | J. Klingmann and W. Eggert, Wat..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Alvina Theiss..... | E. E. Kolander, Marathon..... | 3.00 |
| Mrs. L. Grunwald..... | M. J. Nommensen, Juneau..... | 2.00 |
| O. H. Grueneberg..... | Wm. Nommensen, Columbus..... | 3.00 |
| Ed. F. Bolte..... | Wm. Nommensen, Columbus..... | 5.00 |
| Rev. J. F. Henning, Sr..... | E. E. Prenzlou, Cornell..... | 15.00 |
| Mrs. Louise Braemer..... | E. E. Prenzlou, Cornell..... | 1.00 |
| Lucy Volek..... | E. E. Prenzlou, Cornell..... | 5.00 |
| Rev. J. F. Henning, Sr..... | W. E. Schulz, T. Berlin..... | 1.00 |
| Harold Wyss..... | F. Gilbert, Hustler..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. J. H. Ott..... | J. Klingmann and W. Eggert, Wat..... | 5.00 |
| Caspar Hubb..... | J. Klingmann and W. Eggert, Wat..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Louise Koetz..... | A. W. Sauer, Winona..... | 3.00 |
| Mrs. J. H. Ott..... | W. A. Schumann, La Crosse..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Peter Schmitt..... | W. A. Schumann, La Crosse..... | 2.00 |
| Frank Seidel..... | H. F. Backer, T. Hamburg..... | 3.75 |
| Theodore Kuester..... | H. F. Backer, Chaseburg..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. David Schlicht..... | H. F. Backer, Chaseburg..... | 6.00 |
| Elmer Kopplen..... | H. F. Backer, Chaseburg..... | 6.00 |
| L. C. Sievert..... | Wm. A. Baumann, Neillsville..... | 20.00 |
| Mr. Wedekind..... | Wm. A. Baumann, Neillsville..... | 5.00 |
| Paul Holzhueter..... | Otto Engel, Hubbleton..... | 43.50 |
| Mrs. Oscar Koepfel..... | E. C. Fredrich, Helenville..... | 7.00 |
| Mrs. Anna Monthe..... | Henry Geiger, Leeds..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Ed. Herrewig..... | M. Glaeser, Wonewoc..... | 16.00 |
| Herman Traeder..... | M. Glaeser, Wonewoc..... | 16.00 |
| Cornelius van Herwyne..... | A. Hanke, T. Norton..... | 13.00 |
| Mrs. J. Ott..... | John Henning, T. Prairie Farm..... | 3.00 |
| Fred C. Smith..... | R. C. Hillemann, Ixonia..... | 3.00 |
| Albert Knop..... | O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake..... | 5.50 |
| Rev. J. Henning, Sr..... | O. E. Hoffmann, Rib Lake..... | 3.00 |
| Frederick Olm..... | R. C. Horlamus, Hurley..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. F. Jacob..... | H. H. Kesting, Minnesota City..... | 1.00 |
| Carl Siewert..... | J. Klingmann and W. Eggert, Wat..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Albert Manthey..... | O. Kuhlrow, Jefferson..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Mary Gleiter..... | O. Kuhlrow, Jefferson..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. J. H. Ott..... | O. Kuhlrow, Jefferson..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. August Kohls..... | O. Kuhlrow, Jefferson..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Oscar Koepfel..... | O. Kuhlrow, Jefferson..... | 1.00 |
| John Fischer..... | A. L. Mennicke, Winona..... | 3.00 |
| Mrs. Hannah Meinke..... | A. L. Mennicke, Winona..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Jennie Kueneke..... | J. Mittelstaedt, Menomonie..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. J. H. Ott..... | J. B. Bernthal, South Milwaukee..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. G. Thiele..... | F. H. Miller, Platteville..... | 1.00 |
| Eugene Richard Miller..... | R. W. Mueller, Medford..... | 2.00 |
| Paul Holzhueter..... | H. C. Nitz, Waterloo..... | 3.00 |
| Mrs. Tillie Zacke..... | M. J. Nommensen, Juneau..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Wilhelmina Rupnow..... | M. J. Nommensen, Juneau..... | 7.00 |
| Paul Holzhueter..... | M. J. Nommensen, Juneau..... | 31.35 |
| George Bock..... | Wm. Nommensen, Columbus..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Emma Timmel..... | Wm. Nommensen, Columbus..... | 1.00 |
| Theo. Knoepke..... | H. A. Pankow, Poplar Creek..... | .75 |
| Mrs. Emma Timmel..... | N. Paustian, Oconomowoc..... | 53.00 |
| Mrs. Augusta Ronnenberg..... | A. W. Sauer, Winona..... | .50 |
| Mrs. Hannah Stork..... | A. W. Sauer, Winona..... | 2.50 |
| Miss Lillian Malzahn..... | A. W. Sauer, Winona..... | 3.00 |
| Mrs. Arthur Beutler..... | W. A. Schumann, La Crosse..... | 8.00 |
| Mrs. Bertha Lautz..... | W. A. Schumann, La Crosse..... | 7.00 |
| Henry Yeske..... | O. Sommer, Cataract..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Aug. Stockmeyer..... | C. Toppe, Auburn..... | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Wm. Leistikow..... | E. Walther, Wisconsin Rapids..... | 1.00 |
| Albert Kallies..... | A. A. Winter, New Lisbon..... | 3.25 |

H. J. KOCH, Treasurer.