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

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OUR SYNOD

THESE lines are being written before this year's convention of our Synod, but they will not reach our readers until some time after the convention. It cannot, therefore, be our purpose to discuss matters that are to come up at the synod meeting, much less to report on the proceedings. The fact that we are a Synod, and that a convention is again to be held, suggests some general questions which a Christian, and particularly a member of our Wisconsin Synod, should consider and answer for his own conscience.

What Is A Synod?

In one word, a synod is a church. It has the characteristic marks of a church. We shall not attempt to enumerate them in our own words, but shall borrow the language from Dr. C. W. Walther, the great leader of the Synod of Missouri, to whom the Lord in His grace granted to His sister synod in her formative years. In his introduction to an evening sermon for a synod convention he said the following:

By far the most important thing in a synod is pure doctrine and (spiritual) understanding. Why? A synod is to be a part of the church of God on earth. Hence also her distinguishing mark is that 'the Gospel is rightly taught and the sacraments are rightly administered' (Augsburg Confession, Article VII, 1). Also she shall be built on nothing else than 'upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone' (Eph. 2, 20). Also she shall be a flock of 'holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd' (Smalcald Articles, Part III, Article XII). The order of our Synod which He gave to His church on earth when He ascended into heaven, is addressed

also to her: 'Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you' (Matth. 28, 20). Also her ultimate purpose is nothing else than the salvation of sinners, which can be achieved only through the Gospel. Also her first prayer must be, accordingly, not: 'Thy Kingdom Come,' but: 'Hallowed Be Thy Name.'

Why Have A Synod?

Did God command the Christian Church to organize and maintain synods? If we consider the wonderful characteristics of a synod and the promises of God given also to a synod, do we still ask for a special command to found synods? Is it not our heart's desire to share such promises and privileges? No,

God did not give us a special word of institution, nor did He give us any command regarding outward organization. In the Third Article of our Creed we confess that the Holy Ghost, just as He called me "by the Gospel," even so also "calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth." The Christian Church on earth is a creation of the Holy Ghost in its entirety, in every individual member, in every form of grouping. Just as a Christian is joined by his faith to Christ the Head, just so is he joined with every other Christian by a mutual love, which the Holy Ghost creates on the basis of faith.

We know that this love is far from perfect and needs daily encouragement and

strengthening. We quote a few Bible passages which do so. St. Peter has a very brief word of exhortation: "Love the brotherhood" (1 Pet. 1, 17). St. John tells us that this love is to be expected of us as the most natural thing: "Every one that loveth him that begat (that is, his father) loveth him also that is begotten of him" (that is, his brother — 1 John 5, 1). God is our Father in Christ Jesus, and we love Him; all Christians are children of the same father, and we love them as brethren. — St. Paul commends the Thessalonians for prac-

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Worshippers Leaving the Convention Hall

Being a church, our Synod can comfort herself with the divine promise given to the church that "she will grow into a fighting force before which hell trembles and against which it rages, but which under the leadership of the King of Truth is 'mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds, casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God' (2 Cor. 10, 4, 5)." And thus our Synod will become more and more a "cloud of witnesses for the one Truth against all error, a light of the world against spiritual darkness."

SERMON PREACHED BY PRESIDENT JOHN BRENNER AT THE OPENING OF THE CONVENTION

WHOU therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me, among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." 2 Tim. 2, 1. 2.

Dear Brethren in Christ our Lord:

For reasons that are well known to every delegate, this convention may devote more than the usual time to the discussion of the educational institutions of our Synod. We need not fear that we in diligently fostering our schools are laying undue stress on the cause of Christian education at the expense of our work in the field of missions, which work, some argue, is, after all, the one great task assigned to the Church by the Lord.

It is true, the Church has only one commission. However, our schools, from the kindergarten to the theological seminary, are in their very work complying with that commission to disciple all nations, "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and are thus building and strengthening the Church.

And besides, their work has a definite purpose, that to which Paul refers in his instructions to Timothy. He is to teach faithful men most carefully that they may be able to teach others also, training these men for the service of the churches and their missions.

The duty with which Paul here charges Timothy is our duty today, and will remain the duty of the Church to the end of days.

In the light of our text, we, therefore see

The Schools of our Synod in the Service of our Lord

Let us consider:

I. Their Place in the Work of Our Lord

1) The Lord supplies all the needs of His Church by the preaching of the Gospel.

When Timothy received this letter from Paul, he was at Ephesus, having been entrusted with the care of the church in that city and, some hold, of all the churches in the Province of Asia. He was to labor there and to see to it that the work of the Lord was done according to His gracious will.

The admonition of Paul to the elders of Ephesus: "The Holy Ghost hath made you overseers to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood," shows us how great the responsibility was that was laid on Timothy then, and that rests on all whom the Lord today calls to serve His churches.

"The church of God" — The true believers in the groups gathered about the Means of Grace are, indeed, the Church of God, the Body of Christ, his Bride. Christ died to redeem them from their sins; He arose for their justification; He ascended into heaven to open the way and to prepare a place for them; He lives for them and in them to minister to their wants and to increase their number; He constantly prays for them and jealously watches over them; and he has laid up for them in heaven the crown of everlasting life.

Feeding the Church of God, a sacred trust, indeed, a task that we may well regard with awe.

These believers still are in the world where they are tempted daily by the errors and deceits of men and by the ungodly life that surrounds them, Satan constantly going about as a roaring lion seeking to devour them. Separated from the world by their confession of the Lord, they are only strangers and sojourners here, hated and persecuted by the haters of Christ. And in this wicked world they are to preach the Cross and to give battle to its foes.

They keenly realize their insufficiency and confess that they daily sin much and indeed deserve nothing but punishment. They grieve because they only too often find in themselves fear where there should be bold confidence, and languor and coldness where there should be burning love and zeal.

What does our church need? To this question there are many answers if we want to hear the opinions of men. But the Great Shepherd Himself includes all the needs of His flock in these two terms, feeding and shepherding, and the content of these can be readily learned from the pastoral letters and the other epistles, which give us an insight into the life of the churches and the laborers of the apostles in those days and offer us the plain instructions of the Lord.

Briefly stated, the needs are these: First and foremost, the faith of Christians must be preserved and strengthened by the daily assurance that their sins are forgiven and that God is their loving Father. By such comforting their love to the Lord is to be increased that they may be fortified against all temptations to sin and become fruitful in good works, doing "good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." They are to be trained to pray confidently without ceasing. They, the young and old, are to grow in spiritual knowledge and understanding that, discerning the spirits, they may flee error and adhere to the truth, eschew things that are not convenient and pursue those that are profitable for them and for the Church. They are to be made bold to confess the Lord before men and willing to labor, sacrifice and suffer for His cause. Their thoughts and lives are to be directed to their eternal goal that they may in faith gladly follow the call of the Lord when it comes to them.

But, how is this all to be achieved? The answer is divinely simple. We find it in Paul's words, "Men who shall be able to teach others also." Preaching and teaching are often spoken of slightly in our days, but the Lord exalts them as the means by which His Church is edified. Paul tells Timothy to take heed unto himself "and unto the doctrine," and solemnly charges him: "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season." The things Timothy had heard of Paul among many witnesses, he is to commit to others faithfully. Nothing is to be omitted, nothing added. He is not to develop the doctrine he had learned, nor to modernize it. It is complete. It is unchanging.

He who knows the life and letters of St. Paul can have no doubt as to what Timothy had been taught. The great apostle sums up all his teaching in his words to the Corinthians: "I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." He was ever faithful to the Lord and to His command: "Preach the gospel unto every

creature." And that preaching is the only means for the building of the Church.

2) For the preaching of the Gospel, the Lord instituted the ministry.

Who is to preach and teach? The Lord did not entrust His Gospel to any man, or to a group of men. It does not require the support of any human authority, and for its efficacy it does not depend on any office here on earth. The great God Himself lives in His Word. Jesus declares: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Peter speaks of the Word as of the living seed by which men are born again. And Paul calls the Gospel "the power of God unto salvation."

Christ gave the Gospel to His Church, to all believers. Every believer is to be a witness, preaching and teaching in his God-assigned sphere, and His Word will not return void. Of this fact the church at Samaria, the church at Rome, and many other churches of those days give convincing evidence.

Nevertheless the Lord chose twelve apostles who were to receive and publish to the world the final revelation of God, devoting all their time to this work. Though there was to be no further revelation, this preaching ministry was not to cease at the death of the apostles. At the command of God the churches that had been founded under the counsel of the apostles called men who were to make the teaching and preaching of the Word their life's work, the churches providing for their bodily wants. In Ephesians 4 we are told that the exalted Lord gave apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, for the perfecting of the saints for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. The elders of Ephesus are told: "The Holy Ghost hath made you overseers." These men are called ministers of Christ, stewards of the mysteries of God, shepherds, overseers, watchmen, and the angels of the church.

They are to teach, preach, rebuke, admonish, comfort, guide and rule, for the one purpose, that of saving their hearers, perfecting the saints and edifying the body of Christ, glorifying him in all their labors.

How important this work is in the eyes of the Lord, we see from the many judgments upon and warnings against teachers and leaders whom He disowns and from the qualifications He sets forth especially in the pastoral letters.

The men to be called by the churches are to be faithful, of good reputation, sober, patient, single-minded in their work, fearless, willing to endure hardships, not novices, apt to teach, and "holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince that gainsayer."

3) Our schools train men for this ministry.

Of necessity, the churches at first were compelled to call the best qualified men from the ranks of their members as they were. But soon we find Paul training Timothy, Titus, and others, and in our text he instructs Timothy to follow his example.

To them this was not a personal endeavor; they were acting as servants of the Church, for the churches whom the Lord authorized and

commanded to call pastors and teachers in His name most certainly had the duty to seek out men endowed with the necessary gifts by the Holy Ghost and to train them for the ministry with the view of supplying the present and the future needs of the churches. This is the duty of our churches today.

This obligation could, we admit, be met in various ways, but no one among us will deny that the most practical and effective way is that which our fathers chose, that the churches unite in founding and maintaining schools for the purpose of training men for the ministry of the Word, thus to provide for the future as well as for their days a sufficient supply of pastors and teachers.

No, our schools are not an avocation of the churches; they are legitimately a part of the work of the Church and thus have a most important place in the service of the Lord in training laborers for His Vineyard.

II. The Duty We Owe Them in the Name of the Lord

We are not speaking of the natural attachment a person has to his "alma mater," but of the value he places on our schools because they are in the service of the Lord.

1) We owe them appreciation of their importance to the work of the Church particularly in our days.

We Need Workers

We need men for our pulpits and our mission fields. There was a time when our candidates for the ministry were compelled to wait a year or two before they received a call. We spoke of over-production. But, the needs were there, and we had the men. The real reason why the men were not put to work was that we did not support our missions efficiently with our offerings.

Now we are just about able to meet the normal demands for men. However, does not our Lord want us to grow in grace and to become more zealous for and active in His cause? Are we not to be prepared if He should call us into new and wider fields? Owing to conditions caused by the war, we will have several smaller classes. We must seize the possibility, or even the probability, of a shortage of ministerial candidates in the coming years. We need men.

Still greater is our need of teachers for the classrooms of our Christian day schools. When the Committee on the Assignment of Vacancies met, fifty-one prospective vacancies were reported, and only fifteen graduates of our teachers' seminary were at the Committee's disposal. How far the emergency measures which we resorted to will fill our wants, cannot be stated at this time. But it is to be feared that the opening of a number of new schools will have to be postponed for a year. We need teachers for the classrooms of our Christian schools.

2) We need faithful, well-trained workers, particularly in our days.

Well-trained Teachers

Education as it is popularly understood is being given much thought and effort in our days. Our schools must not fall behind in their scholastic attainments. Our teachers should know their subjects and be acquainted with and trained in the best methods. But it is of far greater importance to us that they be faithful men and women who truly believe in the Savior and love Him, and who regard their calling as that of shepherding the lambs bought with His own blood. They should

be well-grounded in the doctrines of Holy Scriptures and able to apply them to life. Thus they will be fortified against the errors of the pedagogy of the unbeliever or errorist and will lead the child to know itself as the Lord knows it; to see the world as He sees it; and to live unto Him in love in this evil generation toward the glorious goal of everlasting life with Him in heaven.

Well-trained Ministers

The precious heritage that was committed to Timothy by his spiritual father Paul was one that is not received and held as earthly treasures may be received and retained. The doctrine is the living Word of God. It can be received only by a living faith, and we keep it only as long as it is a power in our life. Paul admonishes Timothy: "Meditate on these things; give thyself wholly to them." And again: "Hold fast the form of sound words which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us."

Through the Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church that have come down to us from our fathers, we are a rich church, for these confessions are a true and faithful presentation of the teachings of the Holy Scriptures. By the grace of God the synods constituting the Synodical Conference after prayerful struggles arrived at "the form of sound words" that is in full harmony with the Confessions and at a truly Scriptural practice.

Taking the truth for granted is the quickest way to lose it. It is not enough that we know our confessions; that the preachers are careful to remain within their bounds; and that the hearers nod their assent. No, if we are to hold fast our precious heritage and to hand it down unspotted to the coming generations, the truth must be the power of God in our life; our daily joy and comfort; the strong incentive to a love that serves the Lord in true holiness; and the pure source of understanding and wisdom. We, pastors and people, will have to follow the examples of the Bereans, who "searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so."

This is of importance particularly in our days.

We are faced with the question of a Lutheran Church Union and will eventually have to take our stand in obedience to the Word of God. The increasing practice of cooperation in so-called externals between bodies that are not in full fellowship of faith does not leave the life of our Synod unaffected.

Indifference to doctrine, deplorably great in our land before, is having its heyday since the beginning of the war, fostered by practices connected with the work of the war and conditions created by it. The popular cry is for a creedless religion which will unite not only Protestants, Catholics, and Jews, but all the other religions of the world as well. Chaplains have told us that the returning service men and women will be intolerant of creeds, and the utterances of men in public life have made it appear almost as unpatriotic to remain true to the confessions of your church in the fear of the Lord.

In these days our members are taking part to a greater extent in public endeavors; the churches are urged to cooperate in civil affairs; and some churches demand that they be heard in national and international matters. The opinion has been expressed that a church as such has a duty to the community in which its members live and to the country at large,

and that it can, and should, contribute to the community life through direct cooperation, for instance, integrating with its church work the laws and methods of an outside body that aims to promote the highest type of citizenship.

Therefore, if we would "keep that which is committed to our trust," and if our flocks are to be fed and shepherded according to the will of the Lord, we need ministers like those Timothy is to train, faithful men who are able to teach others also, true theologians "who meditate upon these things" and give themselves wholly to them, Timothy's work is today being continued in our schools.

2) We owe our schools our prayerful support for the sake of the Lord.

Thanksgiving and Prayer for Them

Our schools work very quietly. We do not hear much about them. Our professors are not often in the public eye. We find them in their studies and class rooms earnestly engaged in the task of preparing young men for our pulpits and young men and young women as teachers for our parish schools. As far as their scholastic work, which is not of little importance, is concerned, they do not have to fear comparison with other schools.

But what we truly prize in them is this that, as far as we are able to observe, they are doing the work of Timothy in the spirit of Timothy, and that they are thus truly united in serving our Synod according to the Word of God, subordinating everything to that Word. They strive to ground their students in the Scriptures and to train them to study them diligently, in the case of the future ministers equipping them with the necessary knowledge of the ancient languages. Our institutions stand firm for the right conception of the nature of the Church, its mission in the world, and the means by which it is edified.

This spiritual soundness of our schools is an undeserved blessing for which everyone who is strong in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ will thank the Lord daily, fervently pleading with Him to keep them faithful in His service.

Normal Support

If our prayers are sincere, we will constantly be on our guard that this blessing may not be lost to us through neglect or error on our part. It is evident that our institutions exert a strong influence on the life of our Synod, but it is equally true that the life of a church body will finally be reflected in its schools.

A church body that is unsound in doctrine and practice will not long have schools that are sound. This is not hard to understand. The spirit of a group will affect its choice of men called as teachers. A strong professor will confess and battle boldly, but against serious odds, and grievously, while a weaker man may yield to the pressure. The results of a wrong training of the young people at home will soon become manifest in the student body.

And, finally, the Lord withdraws His blessings from those who despise them.

Let us remember this, as we, church members, parents, teachers, and ministers, live, teach, and lead, we are either supporting and strengthening our schools, or impairing their life and their work. A grave responsibility!

May we ever be found strong in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that we as a Synod commit the things we have heard to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also in order that our churches may ever enjoy the

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Editorials

Thank God! Thank God it's over — this war, this killing, this carnage, this destruction. It has pleased God who "maketh wars to cease unto the ends of the earth; who breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder, who burneth the chariot in the fire — it has pleased God, the merciful Father, to once again let peace settle down upon the earth. How long those years of war were; how we trembled when one boy after the other was taken from the home hearth and inducted into the service of our country; how we prayed then that the gracious God would protect them from all harm and danger of body and soul! Now it is over. God has answered and heard the prayers of His people; He has given peace once more. Thank God it's over! In the mind of the Christian there is no doubt at all that it was God and God alone who terminated this carnage, brutal beyond description. Not that we deserved mercy from His hand or because we, our nation, our allies were more righteous and less wicked than our enemies. Nay, our sins too, the sins of our nation and the wickedness of our people too cry unto heaven, but God in His mercy and in His unfathomable wisdom preferred us to our enemies; He made us the conquerors though we deserved to go down with the rest. The Christian humbly confesses this fact: "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness" (Lamentations 3, 22). Yes, God gave us great and courageous leaders but they were only instruments in the hands of the Lord; by them He did according to His good pleasure. As the war ended so it pleased the Lord. In this spirit let our hymns and prayers of thanksgiving soar upward to the throne of grace where Christ, our advocate sits at the right hand of God and makes intercession for us. In His name, therefore we approach the Lord God and in His name breathe forth our prayers. And such prayers will please God. Let this, the mercy and grace of God, be the source of our prayers. "Not unto us Lord, not unto us give glory." May our sincere thanksgiving draw us ever closer to our Father in heaven, and may we in faith, life and deed serve Him with ever thankful hearts.

W. J. S.

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A Big Job Ahead When you representatives and delegates voted to expend nearly \$825,000 from July 1, 1945 to July 1, 1946, they did this with the firm conviction that the members of our synod are equal to the task both financially and spiritually. When we read the various items in the budget which was adopted and ponder just a moment on the individual figures we will realize quickly that each individual item is very low in its requirement. In fact the careful reader will marvel that so much is intended to be done with so little money. Still the aggregate seems to be high. It is only high in point of precedent, not high, however, in point of ability. The job of raising that amount is big only if we compare it with the budgets and our ability during the depression years. And surely we are not now in a depression. If we were able to raise a budget of say, \$600,000 during the lean years, it ought to go without saying that we are not going to squabble over a measly \$225,000 at a time when the Lord has blessed us with wealth, even the lowliest among us. So let us work on ourselves to overcome this mental attitude which will only handicap us and let us consider this budget only from the point of our blessings and ability. Let us also remember that it was not our synodical officers who voted this budget but that it was your representatives. They, therefore, and you, who elected them and sent them to represent you, will have to

assume the responsibility. Conscious of their responsibility the officers of synod reminded your representatives of the fact that if they vote for the budget now proposed it will devolve on them to move the Christians of our synod to raise that amount. Thus the budget becomes *your* budget. We are not saying these things because we doubt your love for the Lord Jesus and His kingdom nor your ability but because we feel you ought to know your obligation. Knowing this we have that confidence in you that you will take hold of the job that now looks a bit big and finish it by the end of the fiscal year to the glory of Him who purchased us with His own blood and whose own we are. We need only that incentive to do the job. W. J. S.

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We Ought To Know It ought to be of great interest to every member of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin to know just what stand our Synod takes on important matters and on certain issues that are much debated in our day. No one will get information on these matters without an effort as little as one will get the news of the day by just sitting back and doing nothing about it — just dreaming, perhaps in his own back yard or lolling himself to sleep in an easy chair. To keep informed on the happenings of the day in the world it is necessary for one to go out and purchase a newspaper and to sit down and read it — and *think* seriously about the things he has read, and possibly, discuss them with friends and neighbors to get their opinion on those matters. Ordinarily we do this in every-day life. The things are of such great interest to us, it seems, and are so important to us, it appears, that we are willing to talk about them to anyone who will listen and who will enter into the discussion.

No less effort is required to become clear on matters pertaining to the Church, to the Synod of which we are members. If there are matters on which we are not clear and on which we need information let us not hesitate to go to some one who is able, or who ought to be able to inform us. Nor need we be satisfied with one man's opinion. We may speak about the matter to others, to as many as will enter into the matter with us. Certainly we do not propose that the matters must be argued, just for the sake of argument — but for the sake of learning and becoming more intimately acquainted with the things that are being done. Read your church papers or go to your pastor or to a well informed brother and learn of them. If every member of our Synod would do this — do it in the spirit of humility — there would be joy and gratitude in it for every one of us and God's blessing would in increased measure rest upon us and our work.

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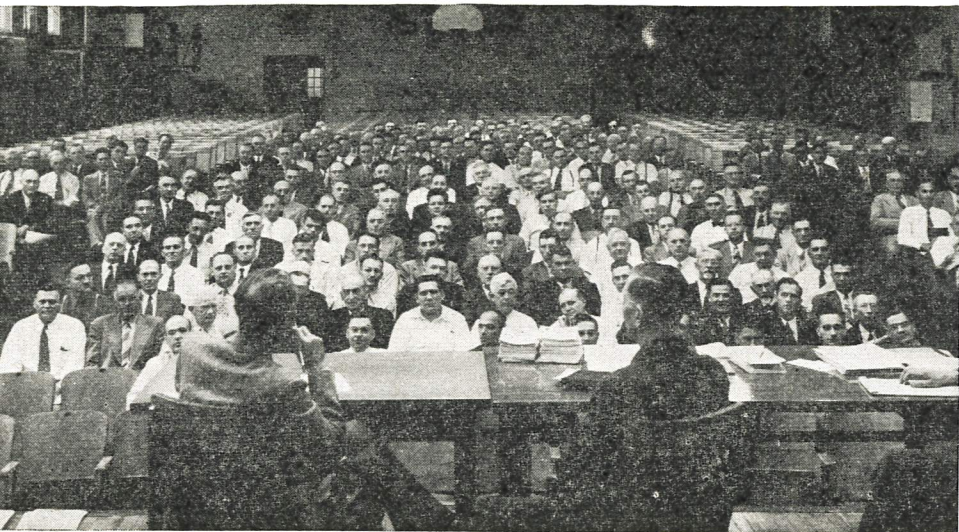
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THE CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS



The Synod In Session

SITUATED beautifully on a high hill overlooking the city of New Ulm, Minnesota, and nestling snugly among the towering trees which almost hide the building from view is our normal school, Dr. Martin Luther College. Here our Joint Synod held its twenty-eighth convention from August 1 to August 6. The friendly dormitories of Dr. Martin Luther College afforded sleeping quarters for all delegates and the meals were served all present in the college dining hall. Many of the delegates came back to the scenes of other years, and others had the opportunity to see the school they had often heard about and to experience for a few days the ways of college life.

It was a hard grind for the assembled delegates, this twenty-eighth convention of synod. Shorter by two days than previous conventions due to war conditions, the convention nevertheless more than made up this abbreviation by the number of meetings held to the point of fatigue and near exhaustion. Meetings were held uninterruptedly from Wednesday noon to Monday night. While in other years even meetings were usually held in seven days, this year fifteen meetings were held in seven days. They were conducted morning, afternoon and evening of each day; even Sunday was no exception. Though the days were strenuous and hard yet they were pleasant and edifying.

The delegates came from fourteen states representing the eight districts of our Joint Synod, to carry on the work of the Church, the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, entrusted to our synod, and they did the work thoroughly, gladly and cheerfully.

The President's Report

The key-note of the convention was struck by President Brenner in his presidential report by the words of Samuel addressed to faithless King Saul (1 Sam. 15, 22) "Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams." Clinging to the Word of God with singleness of mind and purpose and trusting in the guidance of our faithful God through His Word is the Christian's one obligation. This becomes especially important in these trying days. "These are times that try our

souls. To ignore this fact would not be wisdom on our part. The political, economic, and social upheaval that has taken place throughout the world has not been without effect on religious thought and life. As to these, a great part of humanity has drifted from its moorings and is being tossed about precariously by the wind and the waves. Religious leaders are alarmed over the increasing liberalism in doctrine and morals and the outspoken antagonism to the church, or, as it is often put, to organized religion, and are urging a united front of all churches against the forces of evil. On the other hand they are looking forward with eager hopes to what they call 'tremendous opportunities' and are girding themselves to meet the 'challenge' of the post-war days." The Lord does expect us to be alert and active and "ardently zealous in his work. But let us be prayerfully careful that ours is not a 'zeal not according to knowledge.' Being energetically active is not always an acceptable service to the Lord that furthers His purpose for His Church. Let us heed the warning example of King Saul and keep in mind the lesson of our text, 'To obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams,' and approach all matters pertaining to the life of our Synod in implicit obedience to the Word." In this spirit the twenty-eighth convention of our Synod carried on its work.

The Doctrinal Paper

The essay which was read before the Synod, and which will be published in full in the *Theological Quartalschrift*, treated of Unionism.

I

In the first part the essayist compared two famous sayings, spoken by two great leaders of the Lutheran Church. In the Colloquy of Marburg (1529) Luther refused the hand of fellowship to Zwingli because, as he expressed it: "Yours is a different spirit." — During the Pastoral Conference in Chicago (1880), when some one objected that in early issues of *Lehre und Wehre* a presentation of the doctrine of predestination could be found which states that God chose those to eternal life whose faith He foresaw, Walther replied: "We tolerated it then."

It was pointed out in the essay that Walther could maintain brotherly relations with the writers of those articles because, although the expression is inadequate and misleading, the articles clearly stated the Scripture truth that our faith was neither a cause nor a guiding principle for God's act of election, but that the reference to a foreseen faith merely served to describe the people whom He chose. — Zwingli, on the other hand, did not stay within the bounds of Scripture, but twisted the Scripture statements concerning the real presence of the Lord's body and blood in the Supper to suit his own natural reason.

II

The second part of the essay traced the history of the Prussian Union, in which the Lutheran and the Reformed Churches of Prussia are united under a common administration. As the attitude of Zwingli at Marburg showed, the Reformed had always been willing for such an arrangement, but the confessional consciousness of the Lutherans had to be softened before they would yield. This did happen in their history since the Reformation. At first there was a time when the great truths of the Gospel were very carefully re-examined and arranged in dogmatic systems. Although the heart was by no means neglected, as the many church hymns of the time show,



Prof. Joh. Meyer

yet the intellect was very much in the foreground. In Pietism a reaction set in, which disregarded doctrine and instead stressed pious feelings and endeavors. Yet, enthusiasm without an intelligent content is bound to collapse. A reaction against Pietism resulted in Rationalism.

Both Pietism and, still more, Rationalism have no interest in a clear confession of the truth, the former cultivating the emotions and the latter reducing all religious life to the three concepts of God, duty, and immortality. Thus the soil was prepared for a fusion of the two churches in one administration. We must not think that the Prussian King, who inaugurated the Union, was an irreligious man. He was not. He was very devout and sincere — something we frequently observe in unionistically minded men.

What was the result of the Prussian Union? It was announced that joining it would be voluntary, as the individual pastor or congregation might decide; but before long pressure was brought to bear on people who hesitated. Persecution set in — in the name of tolerance.

III

The *third part* of the essay pointed out that the Scriptures, though very inclusive and offering salvation to all sinners without exception, are, on the other hand, very exclusive, maintaining that there is salvation in Jesus and in Him alone. There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved. There is a decided "either — or." Scripture frowns sternly on those who would introduce even the slightest error into the truth of the Gospel. The result would be another Gospel which is not another, that is, is no Gospel at all. On the other hand, the Scriptures urge us to be very patient with any weak brother, helping him to overcome his weakness. It is the same spirit of the Gospel which on the one hand is unyielding in its opposition to error and confirmed errorists, and on the other, is tender like a nurse toward the weak.

IV

In the *fourth part*, what might be called modern back-doors through which Unionism would surreptitiously enter our church were briefly discussed. As such were mentioned: cooperation in so-called externals; allocation of mission fields, and other coordination of church work; joint service centers with a joint dedicatory service; combining of eleemosynary undertakings; "selective fellowship"; Scoutism, and the like.

V

The *last part* was really the most important because it summarized the proper way to fortify our hearts against the dangers of Unionism. Paul warns very earnestly against "doubtful disputations" in dealing with weak brethren. The meaning of "doubtful disputations" was illustrated with a reference to Pharisaic methods of interpreting the Law. It was, *e. g.*, considered by them as a violation of the Sabbath law to tie an ordinary knot; but to tie a knot in one's belt was considered as a permitted act of dressing. So when a sheep fell into a pit on the Sabbath, they used their belt in pulling it out, and called it "dressing" the sheep.

With such a manner of applying the Scriptures almost anything can be justified, and anything can be condemned, but certainly no hearts, no consciences can be established in that way. We must use the Scriptures as food to nourish and strengthen our faith in our Savior. All Scripture is given for just that purpose, even some seemingly very trivial historical remark.

At the same time we must remember that also here, against the dangers of Unionism, "with might of ours can naught be done." Hence prayer, incessant and fervent prayer, is required. The greatest victories against the spirit of Unionism are won, not with doubtful disputations in public debate, but on bended knee in the privacy of our closets.

The essay closed with a quotation from Luther's sermons against the uprisings in Wittenberg. "I'll preach, I'll speak, I'll write, but I'll coerce no one nor compel him by force." Again: "I did nothing, the Word did it all." Again: "The Word is all-powerful, it takes the hearts captive. When once the hearts are won, abuses will fall by themselves."

God grant us the spirit, the courage and faith of Luther.

Church Services

Owing to the lack of time the church services had to be reduced in number. On Wednesday evening, August 1, the opening service was held at St. Paul's Church with the celebration of Holy Communion. President Brenner, preached on 2 Tim. 1. 2. In this sermon the fact was stressed that "*the schools of our Synod are in the service of the Lord.*" In them men are trained to serve as teachers and ministers in the Church as the Lord would have it, and therefore we owe them our whole-hearted support and our prayers that His Church may flourish today and be preserved as a "glorious heritage, intact and unsullied for generations to come." On Sunday morning two services were held, one in English and one in the German language. Pastor L. Koeninger of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, preached the English sermon based on Exodus 3, 1-15 enlarging on the thought of how God leads His Church and preserves it under all conditions of life in His own wonderful way and by the instruments chosen by Him. In the German service Pastor Paul Albrecht of Bowdle, South Dakota, preached the sermon. His text was taken from 1 Cor. 16, 9. He spoke words of encouragement and comfort to all who love Zion and her missions.

W. J. S.

Mission Report

All true growth in the Church is alone by the grace of God and by His power. God's grace and mercy are then doubly to be praised, if our Synod experienced a healthy growth and its mission endeavors brought gratifying results during the course of the terribly devastating World War II. It was with gratitude for God's gracious blessings that Pastor Wil-

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two years 44 new missions were begun, and 29 mission congregations became self-supporting. At present 163 missionaries are working in 290 congregations and mission posts among 26,320 souls under the supervision of the General Mission Board. During the past biennium 2,146 children and 285 adults were baptized. Among the 1,743 confirmed 600 were adults. What a blessing!

The Department of Christian Schools in our mission fields was reported on by Pastor Martin Wehausen, chairman of the Mission Board of the Minnesota District. 5,709 pupils are enrolled in the Sunday Schools. It was most gratifying that particularly in our mission congregations an interest in Christian Day Schools is awakening. 19 mission congregations have their own schools, while 7 others send their children to neighboring schools of sister congregations. 26 teachers are employed in the congregations, 7 missionaries themselves teach school. 981 pupils are enrolled in these schools and 81 pupils attend the schools of sister congregations. This fall 9 other missions are planning to open their own schools.

Concerning the Poland Mission. Pastor William Bodamer, director of this work, reported that all but one of our pastors have survived the terrors of the war, but that all had to flee and are now somewhere in Germany. All our churches in Poland have been destroyed and the members are scattered. Synod recognized a duty of love toward our brethren in this war stricken area and is ready to assist them in every way possible as soon as the opportunity presents itself. The thought was also expressed that through these our brethren new doors for mission work may be opened to us. Synod allocated \$10,858 from its budgetary income for this purpose which it will add to the \$24,000 which it had saved



The General Mission Board

liam Roepke, chairman of the General Mission Board, could report a gladdening progress in the various mission fields of our Synod.

Our Inner Mission Work consists in founding mission fields in various parts of our own country and in assisting the small mission congregations until such a time when they have grown strong enough to themselves support their church and school. During the past ten years our Wisconsin Synod founded 148 such missions; 61 congregations during the same period became self-supporting. During the last

for our work in Poland in war years. We should not neglect to remember these our brethren in our prayers.

Concerning Synod's Apache Indian Mission work the delegates heard a report given by Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary. This report was greatly enhanced by the showing of colored movies and an address by the superintendent, Pastor Fredr. Uplegger. We conduct this mission with 10 pastors, 10 teachers, and 10 interpreters. We have one organized congregation with 21 voting members —

Apaches. There are 2,342 baptized and 354 confirmed members. In our mission schools there are 247 Apache children enrolled, in the Bible Classes 210. Of the Apache children attending the government schools 595 are instructed in the Word by our missionaries. Synod allowed a sum of \$46,877.62 to be used for this work.

Concerning our Negro Mission Work in our own country as well as in Africa Pastor Emanuel Albrecht, a member of the Board, reported. The Negro Mission work our Synod conducts jointly with the sister synods of the Synodical Conference. In our country 26 white pastors and teachers and 75 colored missionaries (who have been trained in our own institutions) do this work for us. In Nigeria we are represented by 8 of our own missionaries and 118 native teachers. Our Synod contributes \$25,000 annually for this purpose.

The report of the Spiritual Welfare Commission was given by Pastor E. Blakewell, chairman of the commission. This commission provides 22,000 members of our Synod with prayer books, printed services and sermons, and other literature of spiritual value to our members in service. The commission also reaches our soldiers and sailors to sister congregations nearest their camps. It also has called a number of pastors to minister to the wounded in the various hospitals. Synod encouraged the commission to continue its work in the same manner as heretofore and allocated for its work the sum of \$58,575.00 for the coming year.

Concerning our Institutional Mission Work at Madison and in the Fox River Valley Pastor Gose reported and showed us how important it is that we do not neglect to provide the Bread of life to the sick, aged, and imprisoned in our public institutions. Synod recognized the importance of this work which officially began only two years ago by sanctioning the calling of a third man into this work. It was also reported that Pastor R. Korlamus had accepted the call as institutional missionary at Madison.

Yes, the Lord has blessed mission work abundantly. This is not only indicated by the many missions which were begun, the many others which became self-supporting, but especially so by the increased interest our members have shown for this work by their contributions. Ten years ago Synod had only \$67,697.00 at its disposal for all its mission projects; last year \$380,088 were needed and collected for this work. Synod found it necessary to allocate \$433,203 for this work and thereby showed that it considers mission work as the first duty of the church.

May God grant you and every member of our Synod true love and renewed zeal for the work of Synod's missions. Let us pray diligently for our missionaries! Let us place our mission offerings high on our list of our personal expense accounts. To everyone who calls himself a disciple of Jesus the preaching of the Gospel into all the world is a job of first importance. Let us serve our Lord with gladness.

"Lord, grant unto Thy church true repentance and fill the hearts of all Thy children with joy to bring to the fallen world that Peace which Thou hast established through Jesus Christ, our Savior, and dost offer to the world by the Gospel." Amen.

G. W. FISCHER.

Chapels and Church Extension Fund

War-time building restrictions prevented our Synod from erecting sorely needed mission chapels. During the last four years only 30 chapels were built with Synod funds. Established missions, worshipping in rented buildings, intending to build before the war broke, are still waiting. Included in those built are cases where old buildings were purchased, moved, rebuilt and fitted as places of worship. But during these same four years 62 new mission fields were opened. Most of these are worshipping in rented houses, vacant stores, public schools and even lodge-halls. This arrangement had to be tolerated for the duration but it is usually not conducive to the best development of a field and is therefore costly.

Now that war-time restrictions are being lifted we shall be confronted with a season of unusual spending of Church Extension Funds. The State of Wisconsin needs 23

parsonages being erected now and will presumably all be called for by October 1. It will not affect the need for 52 chapels and 49 parsonages mentioned above. These are still needed.

This, then is the approximate situation:
 Present Church Extension Fund.....\$350,000.00
 Borrowed from Current Funds..... 165,000.00
 Needed now for 52 Chapels..... 260,000.00

\$775,000.00

This indicates that Synod should create a Church Extension Treasury more than again as large as the present fund. This would still ignore the 49 parsonages needed now. If these were included it would indicate the need of a fund of one million dollars.

The prospect of creating such a fund should not shock us. Our mission projects are increasing. We must keep pace with this normal expansion. Besides, this money is not



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 E. E. Kowalke, C. L. Schweppe, Joh. Meyer, R. Fenske, O. J. R. Hoenecke

chapels, Minnesota needs 3, Michigan should have 5, Nebraska needs 3, Dakota-Montana needs 5, Colorado 5, Arizona 6, and the Pacific Northwest 2 — a total of 52 chapels. A total of 49 parsonages are also needed. While parsonages are not such an imperative need as chapels, they would nevertheless be a profitable investment, saving Synod about \$30,000.00 per year in rentals. Including them in our figures we need 101 new units. At an arbitrary average cost to Synod of \$5,000.00 per unit, including lots, these buildings would cost us \$500,000. If only the chapels were erected the immediate cost would be \$280,000.00.

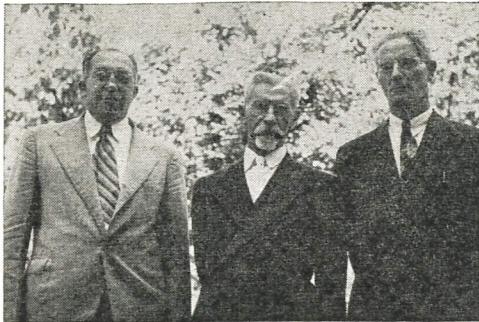
Synod's Church Extension treasury has \$350,000.00 in funds but these are all loaned out to missions and are returning only at the rate of \$50,000.00 per year at the present time when many are making special debt-drives. In normal times the returns will be less. So far as ready cash is concerned the Church Extension treasury is empty today. To satisfy the most urgent requests for loans from this empty treasury the General Mission Board has borrowed \$165,000.00 from the current treasury funds. This money will pay for chapels and

spent. It is a revolving fund. The money is loaned to new missions, who repay with interest; and then it is loaned out again. I am sure our Christians would gladly loan Synod the money to build this fund up to one million dollars. In the final analysis such loans would not really constitute a debt since the saving from rent payments alone, \$30,000.00 at present, would more than pay the interest on such loans.

Would a fund of such proportions, though needed now, be too large for normal times and purposes? Let us see. The normal repayments from a million dollar fund would surely never exceed 10% per year, or \$100,000. At the same arbitrary figure of \$5,000.00 per unit, such return would build 10 chapels and 10 parsonages per year or one chapel and one parsonage of each of the 10 Mission Districts in Synod. That is surely not out of proportion with our needs.

There are many new fields to be opened within the boundaries of our present districts. With our present inadequate fund every District Board has difficulty deciding where to begin

and still more difficulty deciding where to stop. But with our world-wide commission to preach the Gospel we surely are not satisfied to develop only within our present districts. We are eager to reach out to new fields, especially in larger cities in our own land, not yet touched by our Lutheran Church; and into foreign fields, brought nearer by this war, to which the Lord may presently direct us if we are ALERT and PREPARED.



Apache Missionaries
A. Kell, F. Uplegger, E. Guenther

The Building Fund Collection is now in full swing. 80% of this collection is to be used to bring our Synod's institutions up to date. That is proper. We must be prepared to develop the man-power needed by the church. Only 20%, or \$200,000.00 of this collection is intended for the Church Extension Treasury. From the above the reader should be convinced of one thing — As an absolute minimum requirement OUR COLLECTION MUST SUCCEED. "WE BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN."

A. G. WACKER.

Christian Education

Your committee brought to the attention of the assembled delegates the really critical condition of our schools owing to the lack of teachers. The opportunities of establishing Christian Day Schools and the demand for them are unequalled in the history of our Synod. But many of these opportunities will have to wait or be entirely abandoned for the time being, at least, until the Lord will give us more laborers to gather in the harvest of souls. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest. Let those of our Christians who have able young boys or girls who are willing to prepare themselves for the work in the Lord's vineyard, send them to our preparatory schools and Normal School and Seminary that the Church may send them out into the harvest fields of the Lord.

New Sunday School Material

A committee working under the jurisdiction of our Board of Education has prepared a new series of Sunday School Lessons.

Stories in each book of this series are arranged according to the plan of salvation, with the chief festivals of the Church Year observed at the proper time. The text of the Bible stories has been simplified to the level of the children of the respective departments, yet the characteristics of the King James Version are retained. The lessons have colored pictures, one for each story. The main thoughts of each lesson, memory work, Catechism and Bible verses, are appended to each story. Teachers' Manuals are included in the series.

By resolution of the convention all congregations within the Synod will be circularized, sample pages of lessons will be sent to all congregations. The size of the edition to be printed will be determined by the demand for these books.

The new series should appeal to all congregations and ought to be introduced in all of our Sunday Schools when it comes off the presses.

A. P. V.

Church Union

While our pastors generally are familiar with church union matters, the laymen may not be too well informed. The matter of church union involves the question, whether a union — altar and pulpit fellowship — between our sister synod of Missouri and the American Lutheran Church (a merger of the Ohio, Iowa, and Buffalo Synods) and subsequently a union between the Synodical Conference and the American Lutheran Church can be established now or later without compromising the truth of God's Inspired Word. The question is, whether true unity in doctrine and practice exists between the Synodical Conference and the American Lutheran Church, for a union without this unity is impossible.

Our synod has a standing committee which serves as a "watchman unto the house of Israel" in church union matters. This standing committee presented a brief report to the Convention at New Ulm in which it called attention to the "Doctrinal Affirmation," a document prepared by "The Committee on Doctrinal Unity in the Lutheran Church of America" (Missouri Synod Committee) and "The Committee on Intersynodical Fellowship of the American Lutheran Church." Our standing committee declared that it is not satisfied that the truth of God's Word is adequately safeguarded by the "Doctrinal Affirmation," and that our committee stands ready to present its misgivings to our sister synod of Missouri. Our committee further reported that the problem of church union has become more difficult, because of a number of incidents which anticipate a union between the Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church which does not yet exist. Official protest in these matters has been filed with the Synodical Conference, and the protest is now before a Committee on Intersynodical Relations which has been appointed by that body. — Upon recommendation of the floor committee of the convention, the report of our standing committee was adopted by unanimous vote.

The protest referred to above was presented to the convention of the Synodical Conference at Cleveland in 1944 by President John Brenner. It reads in part, "We feel constrained to state at this time that we have been seriously perturbed by numerous instances of an anticipation of a union (between the Missouri and the American Lutheran Church) not yet existing . . . It will suffice to adduce only a few: Cooperation with the National Lutheran Council in the work among the prisoners of war, participation with others in the dedication of Service Centers, a Synodical Conference pastor serving as a guest essayist at the convention of a District of the American Lutheran Church, etc. — It is our firm conviction that the cause of true unity is not furthered by such actions, which can only put undue pressure behind the 'union movement' and cause confusion in the Church." — The convention at New Ulm endorsed this protest.

The questions of "cooperation in externals," is one phase of the church union

matter. The convention adopted as scripturally correct an expression by President John Brenner which states in part, "We realize clearly and deeply deplore the harm that is being done by the division in the Lutheran Church, but we are firmly convinced that the welfare of our Lutheran Church and of the Christian Church as a whole will be truly served only when we frankly acknowledge these differences in doctrine and practice as actually existing and as being divisive of fellowship, and when we then by prayerful searching of the Holy Scriptures endeavor to arrive at the unity that is the work of the Holy Ghost. You will always find us most willing to take part in doctrinal discussions which have this purpose. 'Cooperation in externals' (what in church work can truly be said to be purely external?) may hide our wounds, but it will not heal them. Joint endeavors will not remove the existing differences, but it may lead us to forget them and to grow indifferent to the authority of the Inspired Word."

A complete transcript of the report on church union matters will appear in the synodical report.

The spirit of our standing committee and of the Wisconsin Synod in these matters is expressed in a letter addressed to our sister synod of Missouri, "We sincerely cherish and desire to preserve the fellowship which we enjoy in our Synodical Conference. — Hoping and praying to God that we come to a favorable understanding and agreement."

A. P. V.

Board of Support and Reward Plan

Our Synod recognizes its obligation to extend aid to ailing and invalid workers in the Church, and to indigent widows and orphans of pastors, professors, and teachers. For years the Synod has extended such support with funds appropriated for that purpose.

A proposed "Reward Plan" which received careful study by the Districts, was not favorably received, and the convention voted to abide by the Synod's present policy of support. Sufficient funds for this necessary phase of our work were allotted.

A. P. V.

Elections



President John Brenner

President: Pastor John Brenner.

First Vice-President: Pastor Arthur Voss.

Second Vice-President: Pastor Walter Schumann.

Secretary: Pastor W. Schaller.

Recorder: Professor R. Fenske.

Finances

The closing hours of the convention were devoted to a discussion of the report of the Board of Trustees as submitted by its chairman, Pastor Paul Pieper. Its summary of the various appropriations made revealed that an annual budget of \$824,616.16 would be needed to carry on the synodical work compared with the former budget of \$635,508.22. To raise this budget the so-called quota was set at \$4.60 or an increase of one dollar per communicant. When this budget, unprecedented in the history of our Synod, had been adopted, the delegates were reminded by the chair that they had just assumed a solemn responsibility before God and the Church.

Resume of Budget for 1945-1946

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| General Administration | \$ 26,757.00 |
| Educational Institutions | 287,831.06 |
| Theological Seminary | 43,346.16 |
| Northwestern College | 89,337.00 |
| Dr. Martin Luther College | 66,573.10 |
| Michigan Lutheran Seminary | 36,022.80 |
| Northwestern Lutheran Academy | 19,552.00 |
| Emergency Building Projects..... | 20,000.00 |
| Advance on Building Projects..... | 13,000.00 |
| Home for the Aged | 13,055.00 |
| Missions | 438,288.10 |
| Indian | 46,877.62 |
| Negro | 25,000.00 |
| Home Missions | 270,159.96 |
| Pacific Northwest | 16,188.00 |
| Nebraska | 35,175.72 |
| Michigan | 39,566.00 |
| Dakota-Montana | 27,702.96 |
| Minnesota | 14,600.00 |
| North Wisconsin | 27,520.88 |
| West Wisconsin | 38,252.00 |
| Southeast Wisconsin | 18,190.00 |
| Colorado | 30,644.40 |
| Arizona | 22,320.00 |
| Poland Mission | 10,858.00 |
| Madison Student | 1,817.52 |
| Expansion Fund | 25,000.00 |
| Spiritual Welfare Commission | 58,575.00 |
| General Support | 36,000.00 |
| Indigent Students | 2,500.00 |
| School Supervision | 5,385.00 |
| Winnebago Lutheran Academy | 1,800.00 |
| Subsidization of Sunday School Literature | 13,000.00 |
| Total Budget | \$824,616.16 |

Treasurer's Report

The printed report of Treasurer C. J. Niedfeldt revealed that collections for 1944-1945 amounted to \$739,064.28 and revenues to \$111,177.58, making a total of \$850,241.86. Total disbursements were \$697,001.12.

Much of the financial discussion at the convention revolved around the question whether the \$350,000.00 Reserve Fund should be kept intact to serve as a cushion, so that the missionaries and professors might not again become the victims as in the last depression, or whether these monies should be appropriated at once for the current work of the Synod. Opinions seemed to be somewhat divided as to that. However, it was found necessary to advance the major portion of these monies to supply immediate needs. The Mission Board

had made commitments for chapels and parsonages which had to be provided for immediately. Many of our missions have been worshipping in temporary quarters, such as store buildings, for years, while in some localities no buildings were available at all. It was resolved that \$165,000.00 be advanced out of the Reserve Fund to take care of the most pressing needs in the missions to be paid back out of the Mission Board's share of the Building Fund. Other advances from the same fund are to be made to cover architectural fees for the proposed new buildings at our institutions and to finance the new Sunday School Lessons until the money is realized from the sales. This will deplete most of the present Reserve Fund.

Building Fund Collection

Prof. E. Reim and Pastor G. Fischer reported on the status of the Building Fund Collection. About \$165,000.00 cash had been sent to the special treasurer up to the time of the convention. According to the present estimates about \$1,138,000.00 will be needed (New Ulm, \$210,000; Watertown, \$270,000; Moberidge, \$145,000; Saginaw, \$313,000; Church Extension, \$200,000).

This collection dare not fail. It calls for the united and consecrated efforts of all congregations. Nor should this collection be permitted to interfere with the regular collections for the current treasury. All are urged to complete this special collection by December 31, 1945.

Let us first give ourselves to the Lord who redeemed us, and then we shall willingly offer the necessary funds for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

I. P. F.

A Searching Question

An American soldier lost a leg on an island in the South Pacific. He explained "that he was the last man in a platoon patrolling single file through a jungle pathway when a shrapnel-burst caught him below the knee. Unaware the others marched on while he sank silently to the ground wondering, 'What next?' He feared being found by the Japanese since he had heard much from his buddies concerning their treatment of those whom they encountered. — Sure enough, two Japs with up-raised bayonets approached and hovered over him, and the soldier prayed audibly. One of the Japanese leaned down in a stage whisper asked, 'You Christian?' When the soldier nodded, the Jap replied, 'Okay! We Christian too.' Whereupon the Japs proceeded to make a crude bandage for the injured leg, carried the American gently through the jungle to a parallel path a number of yards away, which they expected the American patrol to use, and where the soldier was picked up by his own men some minutes later, the Japs meantime disappearing into the underbrush" (*News Bulletin*).

If we, as our Lord commanded us, had brought the Gospel in full measure to Japan, would this terrible war have been necessary?

J. P. M.

**Sermon Preached By President
John Brenner
At The Opening Of The Convention**

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blessing of being fed and shepherded according to the will of their Lord who loves them dearly.

Enlisting Students

From what we have heard, it must be clear to us that our schools should have a much larger enrollment of young men and also young women who are willing to prepare themselves for the service of the Church. Never will the Lord withhold from His church the talents necessary for the ministry. They are found in our children, and it is for the parents, teachers, and ministers, to find the gifted persons and to win them for the work of the Lord. Other careers are open to our young people, careers that offer many earthly advantages, but parents who are strong in grace will consider it a blessed privilege to be permitted to give a son, or a daughter, to the noblest and most blessed calling in which a Christian can be engaged. And do not the instructions of Paul to Timothy remind us ministers and teachers of our duty to provide pastors and teachers for those coming after us, even as our fathers provided for our generation? Let us, for the Lord's sake, be faithful in the performance of this duty by diligently recruiting students for our Synodical schools.

Our Material Support

Is it necessary to speak at length on our duty to provide properly for our institutions? They belong to our Lord and serve His Church. In His grace He regards their needs as His own and gifts toward their maintenance as offerings placed in His hands.

To neglect our schools would be nothing short of denying a part, a small part at that, of our earthly possessions to Him to whom we owe all of them and who shed the last drop of His blood to save us. Briefly, then, let us provide for them for the Lord's sake. They need staffs of teachers, faculties that are large enough to make thorough work possible. Buildings and equipment are necessary, sufficient to take care of all who apply for admission, having been won for the Lord's work by His Word of Grace.

The costs of maintaining our institutions should be included in the personal budget of every member of our Synod at all times. Now, however, we see ourselves compelled to ask every member of the Synod for a special offering to enable us to meet an emergency with which we are confronted. Partly through our neglect in the past, and partly through the increased enrollment which the Lord gave us in answer to our prayers, four of our institutions are in sore need of further buildings and equipment. Including the sum asked for our depleted Church Extension Fund, a fund of more than one million dollars will be required. It is the Lord Himself who is asking for our contributions. What response will He find among us?

His undeserved bounty has made us able, may His grace make us willing to give freely in order that our schools may continue to send forth into our pulpits, mission fields, and class rooms, faithful men able to teach others also to build His Church in our generation and to preserve our glorious heritage intact and unsullied for the generations to come. Amen.

Our Synod

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ting brotherly love: "As touching brotherly love, ye need not that I write unto you, for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed ye do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia; but we beseech you, brethren, that ye increase more and more" (1 Thess. 4, 9, 10). Their brotherly love was still rather weak, for at times some did not shrink even from "defrauding their brother" (v. 6); therefore Paul encourages them to strive for development.



Presidents of Our Districts —
President Ackermann not on picture

We note in particular that Paul mentions all the brethren in all Macedonia. Paul had founded three congregations in that province, the one in Philippi, another in Thessalonica, the third in Berea. Paul groups these churches together in the matter of the collection for the needy brethren in Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8, 1). These churches also elected a common delegate to accompany Paul to Jerusalem (2 Cor. 8, 18, 19). Being located near one another these churches had many common interests. Thus in the passage from First Thessalonians, quoted above, Paul commends them for practicing church fellowship in their midst. We do not know if they in any way were organized like a synod, but they did carry on a part of their church work somewhat like a synod.

What Is The Purpose Of A Synod?

When our Savior ascended into heaven He assigned one task to His church on earth. He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16, 15). To preach the Gospel is the purpose of our Synod.

To preach the Gospel, to be a witness of Jesus Christ, is the purpose of every individual Christian. The Lord made him to be a light in the world, a salt of the earth.

To preach the Gospel, to be an "epistle of Christ . . . written . . . with the Spirit of the living God . . . in fleshy tables of the heart" (2 Cor. 3, 3) which everybody may recognize and read in their words and deeds, is the purpose of every local congregation.

Exactly the same is also the purpose of our Synod — in a measure in which it would be difficult for individual Christians and congregations to carry on their work. Let us look at it.

Most Christians are not able to engage the services of a private tutor for their children, but most congregations can maintain Christian schools. Similarly, most congregations would not be able to train future pastors and teachers, but our Synod can, and does, maintain a system of higher education for this purpose. It operates four high schools or high school de-

partments, one four-year college, one normal college, and one theological seminary. All of this chiefly to train future teachers and preachers and missionaries. Dr. Walther summarized it in this way: "God instituted a single office, namely the office to gather, to build, to govern, to provide for, and to preserve in His name His church on earth." And an important part of this office is to "make proper provision that ever new men and faithful shepherds" are ready to take over when the Lord retires an old laborer.

Our Synod stands ready to counsel pastors and teachers in their work, to advise and assist congregations as much as possible, to help all Christians by means of church papers, and the like.

Our Synod carries on home missions on an extensive scale and heathen mission among the Indians of Arizona; also other mission work jointly with the sister synods of the Synodical Conference among the Negroes in our own country and in Africa.

Other departments of our synodical work might be mentioned, but all ultimately serve the same purpose: that the Gospel be preached.

What Makes For The Strength Of Our Synod?

In order to answer the question correctly we must remember that our Synod is a church. Thus the question will resolve itself to this: What is it that makes for the strength of a church?

When Jesus commissioned His church on earth to preach the Gospel He appended the promise: "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world" (Matth. 28, 20). On another occasion He told His disciples: "It is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you" (Matth. 10, 20). Paul once received the answer from the Lord: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12, 9). On the basis of this, Paul wrote: "We have this treasure (the light and life giving Gospel of freedom) in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us" (2 Cor. 4, 7).

Let us then not make a mistake. The strength of a church, and accordingly also the strength of our Synod, does not rest on numbers, nor on organization, nor on finances, nor on the learning of its members in secular matters. Dr. Walther warns us that pure doctrine,

which he rightly proclaimed as the only fountain of spiritual vitality, is absent even then, and accordingly life is waning, when "people submit only in servile obedience to the Confession of the orthodox church and are solicitous to repeat its sentences correctly, however without a personal insight into the foundation and coherence of the doctrine of salvation and without a taste of its divine power."

Only the Lord can give strength to His church. He has prepared for us a fountain of life in His Word. From the Word we get material, not only to stock our memory and to occupy our mind, but to refresh and nourish our faith, and to fortify our hearts against error. The Word of God is filled with His wonderful power.

Since then our sufficiency is not of ourselves, but of God alone, our Synod can be strong only on bended knees. If we try to achieve anything as of ourselves, by our efforts, by our study, by our schooling, by our application, by our determination: the result will be weakness and utter failure. But if in humility we commit our cares to the Lord for Jesus' sake He will bountifully provide and make His strength perfect in our weakness.

Far from making us indolent, this fact should rather move us to meditate earnestly and prayerfully on the Word of our God, that from it we ourselves may continually draw new strength, and that we may mutually strengthen one another by consultation and exhortation in the work of our Lord.

J. P. M.

Gratitude

There are no words sufficient,
No songs of so much worth,
That, by them we could thank God
For sending Peace on earth.

But He, as our Creator,
Remembers we are dust;
And He, as our Redeemer,
Accepts our feeble trust.

How can we be indifferent?
How can we shun to prove,
With hearts and hands uplifted,
The wonders of His love?

May He, the Holy Spirit,
Grant faith and charity,
That we now serve our Savior
In true humility.

— ADELIN WEINHOLZ.



The Convention Hall

Now Concerning The Collection



Not only our recent Synodical Convention at New Ulm, but also the subsequent cessation of hostilities must be considered in our report on the present status of our collection.

The Convention

More clearly than ever did this convention demonstrate the need for a comprehensive building program for our institutions, and an enlarged Church Extension Fund for our missions. The rapid growth of our mission fields and congregations, the increasing number of Christian Day Schools have resulted in a shortage of pastors and teachers which presents a serious threat to our work if it will not be met in time with an increased enrollment at our several synodical schools. *We must have these students NOW!*

And yet our schools are laboring under the severest handicaps:

- *Even before the emergency barracks at DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE could be completed, the additional rooms have already been assigned and our Teachers' College at New Ulm is once more looking for private boarding places for its girls.*
- *NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY of Mobridge faces its new school year with the old and utterly inadequate plant.*
- *MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY reports that the expected record enrollment has become a reality. Its temporary housing of students and classes must be replaced by permanent facilities.*
- *NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE at Watertown must still get along with a library, laboratory, and classrooms which we solemnly declared inadequate and obsolete more than fifteen years ago.*

And lest we forget!

- *The present needs of our missions are so acute that the convention felt compelled to extend to the Church Extension Fund an advance of \$165,000 from the current treasury balance, in anticipation of the \$200,000 allotted to this Fund from our present collection.*

Can any one still question the need?

Can any one disagree with the findings which the committee reported at the convention?

- that the \$165,000 which had then been remitted represents a fair, but only a fair beginning.
- that we must make an all-out effort to bring this collection to a speedy and successful conclusion.

War's End

More quickly than any one had thought possible the war in which we have been embroiled for almost four years has come to an abrupt end. One cannot help asking what effect this may have on our collection.

That it may have an unfavorable effect must be granted without question. We know that it will do so, — *if we permit ourselves to be guided by our FLESH.*

But before we accept this conclusion as inevitable, let us recall a few undeniable facts, and ask ourselves a few frank questions.

- *We have prayed our Lord to protect our land, and to grant us peace.*
- *He has answered our prayers, far beyond our deserving. Our land has almost completely escaped the ravages of war. Our churches stand intact. Our institutions have suffered no harm, save from our own neglect. We have had heartbreaking casualties, and yet they have been fewer than those of most other nations. We are looking forward to the speedy return of many who have gone forth into the service of our country and who, by the mercy of God, have been spared.*
- *Our immediate and unanimous reaction to the news of the surrender was surely:*

"Now thank we all our God."

- *But how are we going to thank Him? By letting His work suffer because He has answered our prayers so soon?*

The very thought condemns itself. Rather, let us humbly realize that "He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities." Sensing this, we shall become truly grateful. A voice within us will be heard to say, "Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the most High." And this will be the blessed voice of the SPIRIT. Heeding this voice, we shall not only find ourselves well advised, but we shall find our hearts filled with a new and holy joy. Our offering will become a **Thankoffering** indeed, and our work will be crowned with success.

*The Building Fund Committee,
E. REIM, Chairman.*

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?

By 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. . .

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GENERAL SYNODICAL COMMITTEE

God willing, the General Synodical Committee will meet in the week of October 14, St. John's School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

John Brenner.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Call for nomination of candidates for another professorship at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan.

As the Synod at its last meeting granted the calling of another professor for Michigan Lutheran Seminary the Board of the institution herewith requests nominations of candidates for this professorship.

The subjects which the professor is to teach at present are: Science, English, and Religion and so only such candidates should be proposed who are able to teach these subjects.

All nominations must be in the hands of the secretary of the institution's board by September 12, 1945. The professor will be called October 1, 1945.

O. Frey, Secretary,
1441 Bliss Street,
Saginaw, Michigan.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

New Ulm, Minnesota

The new schoolyear will begin on Tuesday morning, September 18, at nine o'clock. Dormitory accommodations for women are no longer available, but efforts will be made to obtain private quarters if such are desired. We can still provide for a number of boys, however. All students are required to bring their ration books. Please address all inquiries to

Carl L. Schweppe,
New Ulm, Minnesota.

NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Mobridge, South Dakota

Northwestern Lutheran Academy opens for the new school year on Monday, September 17, 2:00 P. M.

Please address all inquiries to

R. A. Fenske,
Mobridge, South Dakota.

WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

The new school year will begin on Tuesday, September 4 at 9 A. M.

G. E. Bergemann.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Opening exercises, Wednesday, September 5, 9 A. M., at the auditorium, North 11th and West State Streets.

E. H. Buerger, Director.

BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE

AND HIGH SCHOOL

Mankato, Minnesota

Organized as a four-year junior college, with grades nine and ten as preparatory. Offers the following curricula: Liberal Arts, Pre-law, Terminal; Pre-medical and Pre-dental; Pre-theological, Pre-engineering, Science, Normal, Pre-nursing or Pre-deaconess, Parish Worker, Commercial, Music.

Cost of tuition, board, room, usual fees — \$350.00 per year. Bethany invites recommended young men and women from any of the synods of the Synodical Conference. Registration day, Tuesday, September 4.

For catalog or other information write:

Office of the Registrar,
Bethany Lutheran College,
Mankato, Minnesota.

HELP SOUGHT FOR

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY

For our institution, especially for our kitchen, we are urgently in need of more help, either a married couple, or two maids. The reader will do us a great favor by calling our attention to persons who are suitable and willing to serve our school. Persons who are inclined to enter into our service, please, write to:

Dir. Otto J. R. Hoenecke,
2204 Court Street,
Saginaw, Michigan.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Authorized by President A. Voss I installed Mr. Robert Schierenbeck on Sunday, August 12, as teacher of St. John's Lutheran School of Lomira, Wisconsin. May the Lord bless shepherd and flock. Address: Mr. Robert Schierenbeck, Lomira, Wisconsin.

H. Lemke.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE OF THE WEST WISCONSIN DISTRICT

The Southwestern Conference of the West Wisconsin District convenes September 11, 1945, at Barre Mills, Wisconsin. Time: 9:30 A. M.

Papers: Exegesis of 2 Timothy 1, G. Geiger (Alt. Titus 1, R. C. Hillemann); Homiletical Treatise, L. Witte; Mixed Marriages, L. Bleichwehl; Who are the Gideons? A. Berg.

Conference preacher: M. Glazer (Alt. O. Kuehl).
E. G. Toepel, Sec'y.

RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Rhinelander Pastoral Conference will meet in the church of Pastor F. Bergfeld at Bruce Crossing, Michigan, on Tuesday, September 11, 1945. The first session begins at 10 A. M.

Essays: Marriage and Divorce, J. Krubsack; Brief Sketch of the Life of Moses, W. A. Gieschen; Exegesis of 1 Tim. 2, E. Scharf.

Divine Service at 7:30 P. M.

Sermon: F. Raetz (substitute, E. Scharf).

Please, announce! W. A. Gieschen, Sec'y.

RED WING DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Red Wing Delegate Conference will convene, D. v., on September 11, 9 A. M., at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lake City, Minnesota, T. H. Albrecht, pastor.

Confessional speaker: C. A. Hinz; alternate: Karl Gurgel.

Please send announcements or excuses to the local pastor.
H. F. Muenkel, Sec'y.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OF NEBRASKA DISTRICT

The Southern Conference of the Nebraska District will convene for its fall delegate conference at Geneva, Nebraska, E. A. Breiling, pastor, on September 18-19, 1945.

Papers: The Ladies' Aid, Pastor Frank; 1 Pet. 3, 18-20, Pastor Ellwein; The Book of Nehemia, Its Message and Application, Pastor Hertler; The Congregational Meeting, Pastor Degner; Article V of the Augsburg Confession, Pastor Habben; What does Ordination Confer, Pastor Breiling. Sermon: Pastor Gruendemann, substitute Pastor Hahn.

Kindly announce your presence or absence to the local pastor.
R. H. Roth, Sec'y.

COLORADO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Colorado Pastoral Conference will meet Tuesday, September 11, at 10 A. M., through Thursday, September 13, 3 P. M., at Mt. Olive Ev. Lutheran Church, 918 E. Cache la Poudre, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Communion service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Speaker: Rev. E. C. Kuehle; Alternate: Rev. Victor Tiefel.

Papers: Confessions of the Church, Bauman; Amos, Tiefel; The Law, Wietzke; II Thessalonians 2, Witt.
W. Krenke, Sec'y.

MANITOWOC PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Manitowoc Pastoral Conference convenes Tuesday, September 11, at 9 A. M., at Louis Corners, H. Grunwald, pastor.

Scheduled: Gal. 3, 22ff., Dr. H. Koch; Doctrine of Election (continued), L. H. Koeninger; The Tenth Commandment, Special Reference to Pastor and Congregation, H. H. Eckert; Unionism, A. Mixing of Law and Gospel, Edw. Kionka; Doctrinal Affirmation, Dr. H. Koch; 1 Tim. 1, 15ff., E. Froehlich.

Additional Papers: Isa. 41, 1ff., W. Schink; Synopsis of Luther's Galatians (2, 17ff.), H. Pusehl; Sanctification, the Call of a Christian for his entire Life, K. Thurow; Interpretation of 1 Cor. 9, 14, W. Haase; Ordination, V. Siegler; The Causes of the Decline of the Ten Tribes of Israel, A. Roekle; Essentials of the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, H. Kuether; Exegesis of Mt. 11, 12, R. Ehlike.

Sermon: H. H. Eckert, E. Schroeder.

H. H. Eckert, Sec'y.

CHIPPEWA-WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Chippewa-Wisconsin River Valley Pastoral Conference will meet September 18 and 19, at Prairie Farm, 2 miles N. W. of Ridgeland, Louis A. Winter, the pastor.

Please announce before September 9.

Sermon: S. Rathke (R. Schoeneck).

Confessional: W. Weissgerber (T. Zaremba).

R. C. Biesmann, Sec'y.

REDWOOD FALLS DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Redwood Falls Delegate Conference will meet, D. v., on September 11, 1945, beginning at 9 A. M., at Tp. Wellington, Pastor E. G. Fritz, host pastor.

The conference will hear the reports of its delegates at the Joint Synod meeting.

Each congregation is asked to send at least two delegates to the meeting.

G. F. Zimmermann, Sec'y.

NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The New Ulm Delegate Conference will meet in Zion Lutheran Church, Morgan, Minnesota (W. Frank, pastor) on September 26, 1945, at 9 A. M., to hear the reports of the twenty-ninth biennial convention of our Synod.

W. Frank, Sec'y.

LAKE SUPERIOR DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Lake Superior Delegate Conference will meet on Tuesday, August 28, 1945, at 9 A. M., at Marinette, Wisconsin, Pastor Arthur A. Gentz. Please announce number of delegates.

Geo. Tiefel, Chairman.

WESTERN TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

The Western Teachers' Conference will meet Thursday and Friday, September 27 and 28, at St. John's Congregation, Neillsville, Wisconsin, Wm. A. Baumann, pastor, beginning at 9:30 A. M.

Practical Lessons: Gideon, Erwin Wilde; Percentage, Adolph Wilbrecht; Introduction to a Literary Masterpiece, E. W. Ebert; The Offering of Isaac, Margot Schuetze; Picture Study, Gertrude Limpert; The Care of the Eyes, Ione Huebner.

Essays: Short Course of Study, Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States, A. Backer; Book Review, Vona Reed; Argentina, Ralph Schwantz; Some Doctrinal Differences in the Lutheran Church, E. Seivert.

R. E. Schwantz, Sec'y.

MISSION FESTIVALS

First Sunday after Trinity

First English Lutheran Church, Aurora, So. Dak.
Offering: \$126.00. E. R. Hamm, pastor.
St. Peter's Church, Elmwood, Wisconsin.
Offering: \$227.52. Carlton Toppe, pastor.
St. Peter's Church, Goodhue, Minnesota.
Offering: \$121.80. T. E. Kock, pastor.
St. John's Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota.
Offering: \$359.36. Edw. Birkholz, pastor.
St. Luke's Church, Town Knapp, Jackson Co.,
Wisconsin.
Offering: \$97.07. G. H. Geiger, pastor.
Immanuel Church, Ward, South Dakota.
Offering: \$149.06. Wm. Lindloff, pastor.

Second Sunday after Trinity

Christ Church, Zumbrota, Minnesota.
Offering: \$816.15. Paul E. Horn, pastor.

Third Sunday after Trinity

St. Peter's Church, Ellsworth Twp., Meeker Co.,
Minnesota.
Offering: \$156.00. M. Schuetze, pastor.
Trinity Church, Elkton, South Dakota.
Offering: \$157.35. Wm. Lindloff, pastor.

St. John's Church, Hancock, Minnesota.
Offering: \$457.94. H. C. Duehlmeier, pastor.
First Ev. Lutheran Church, Gary, South Dakota.
Offering: \$90.40. Wm. Lange, pastor.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

St. Paul's Church, Henry, South Dakota.
Offering: \$250.41. W. Ten Broek, pastor.
Immanuel Church, Hadar, Nebraska.
Offering: \$548.00. H. H. Spaude, pastor.
Courtland Church, Courtland, Minnesota.
Offering: \$172.07. M. Kunde, pastor.
Christ Church, Cochrane, Wisconsin.
Offering: \$449.03. C. F. Kurzweg, pastor.
St. John's Church, Bear Valley and Mazeppa,
Minnesota.
Offering: \$290.00. Theo. Haar, pastor.
Trinity Church, Nicollet, Minnesota.
Offering: \$786.59. E. Schaller, pastor.
Trinity Church, Clear Lake, South Dakota.
Offering: \$160.13 (\$10.00 from Ladies' Aid). D.
H. Kuehl, pastor.
St. John's Church, Lewiston, Minnesota.
Offering: \$623.11. Rud. P. Korn, pastor.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

St. John's Church, Helen Twp., McLeod Co.,
Minnesota.
Offering: \$358.30. H. H. Schaller, pastor.
St. John's Church, Altamont, South Dakota.
Offering: \$102.32. D. H. Kuehl, pastor.
St. Paul's Church, Morris, Minnesota.
Offering: \$350.00. H. C. Duehlmeier, pastor.
Grace Church, Oronoco, Minnesota.
Offering: \$200.00. Norbert A. Reinke, pastor.
Mt. Calvary Church, Estelline, South Dakota.
Offering: \$111.08. E. M. Bode, pastor.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Zion Church, Morgan, Minnesota.
Offering: \$331.50. Wilbert Frank, pastor.
Zion Church, Brighton Twp., Minnesota.
Offering: \$181.00. M. Kunde, pastor.
St. John's Church, Rauville Twp., Watertown,
South Dakota.
Offering: \$282.73. B. A. Borgschatz, pastor.
Emmanuel Church, Grover, South Dakota.
Offering: \$624.65. W. F. Spengeler, pastor.
Calvary Church, Valentine, Nebraska.
Offering: \$125.16. Edw. Weiss, pastor.
St. Matthew's Church, Butterfield, Minnesota.
Offering: \$59.41. Martin Lemke, pastor.

SOUTHEAST WISCONSIN DISTRICT

January, February, March, 1945

Arizona Conference

| Reverend | Budgetary | Non-Budgetary |
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| O. Hohenstein, Glendale..... | \$ 61.52 | \$ |
| Arthur P. C. Kell, Whiteriver..... | 2.00 | |
| Frederick G. Knoll, Flowing Wells..... | 80.00 | |
| J. E. Schaefer, Winslow..... | 44.81 | |
| Robert Wm. Schaller, Phoenix..... | 72.66 | |
| E. Arnold Sitz, Tucson..... | 230.70 | |
| E. H. Spengeler, Bylas..... | 32.65 | |
| Marvin Volkmann, Globe..... | 60.00 | |
| R. H. Zimmermann, Prescott..... | 123.10 | |

Dodge-Washington Conference

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| G. Bradtke, Kripplein Christi, Town Herman..... | 163.00 | 25.00 |
| Frederic Gilbert, St. Paul, Cedar Lake..... | 49.50 | |
| Frederic Gilbert, St. Paul, Slinger..... | 241.20 | |
| Harvey Heckendorf, St. Paul, Town Lomira..... | 163.61 | |
| Harvey Heckendorf, St. Petri, Town Theresa..... | 72.62 | |
| H. J. Lemke, St. John, Lomira..... | 376.88 | |
| Walter O. Nommensen, Zion, Kohlsville..... | 63.65 | |
| E. P. Pankow, Bethany, Hustisford..... | 675.21 | |
| W. Reinemann, Trinity, Huilsburg..... | 141.18 | 43.00 |
| Ad. von Rohr, Peace, Hartford..... | 369.86 | 78.00 |
| W. P. Sauer, St. John, West Bend..... | 886.35 | |
| H. J. Schaar, St. Paul, Brownsville..... | 853.56 | 39.50 |
| Alfred C. Schewe, Emmanuel, Town Herman..... | 125.51 | 20.00 |
| Alfred C. Schewe, Zion, Town Theresa..... | 63.83 | 1.00 |
| H. A. Schultz, St. John, Woodland..... | 158.64 | |
| M. F. Stern, St. Paul, Neosho..... | 142.65 | |
| F. Zarling, St. Matthew, Iron Ridge..... | 103.00 | 12.25 |

Eastern Conference

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| Paul A. Behn, Fairview, Milwaukee..... | 370.39 | |
| Geo. W. Boldt, St. John, Lannon..... | 145.97 | 21.80 |
| Adolph C. Buenger, St. John, Good Hope Road..... | 287.15 | 115.54 |
| E. Ph. Ebert, St. Paul, East Troy..... | 228.91 | |
| Frank G. Gundlach, Salem, West Granville..... | 33.00 | |
| Lyle A. Hallauer, Homehurst, West Allis..... | 49.98 | |
| Lyle A. Hallauer, St. Peter, West Allis..... | 33.75 | |
| Ph. Henry Hartwig, Zion, Hartland..... | 312.00 | |
| G. Hoenecke, St. Paul, Cudahy..... | 341.43 | |
| Wm. P. Holzhausen, Trinity, West Mequon..... | 207.50 | |
| W. R. Hoyer, Mt. Calvary, Westowne, Waukesha..... | 74.93 | |
| Walther Keibel, Nain, West Allis..... | 490.72 | 135.73 |
| Arthur F. Krueger, Resurrection, Milwaukee..... | 244.51 | |
| L. G. Lehmann, St. John, Mukwonago..... | 43.31 | |
| Kurt A. Lescow, St. John, East Mequon..... | 178.56 | |
| A. H. Maaske, St. John, Newburg..... | 112.23 | |
| J. Mahnke, Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee..... | 319.85 | 36.94 |
| Wm. C. Mahnke, St. John, Root Creek..... | 205.77 | 90.26 |
| A. J. Mittelstaedt, Trinity, South Mequon..... | 178.97 | |
| Th. Monhardt, St. John, Town Lake..... | 96.30 | |
| A. Nicolaus, Christ, Pewaukee..... | 59.00 | |
| C. A. Otto, St. John, Wauwatosa..... | 747.25 | 150.00 |
| M. F. Rische, Davids Stern, Kirchhain..... | 444.26 | 114.25 |
| J. G. Ruege, Jordan, West Allis..... | 1,549.27 | |
| G. Schaller, St. Paul, Town Franklin..... | 310.10 | |
| A. Schuetze, Calvary, Thiensville..... | 147.33 | |
| Arnold Schultz, Trinity, Milwaukee..... | 858.10 | 57.00 |
| Melvin C. Schwenzen, Good Shepherd, West Allis..... | 244.80 | |
| H. W. Schwertfeger, Woodlawn, West Allis..... | 130.25 | 36.20 |
| Harry Shiley, Trinity, Waukesha..... | 1,059.08 | 5.00 |
| E. W. Tacke, St. Paul, Tess Corners..... | 805.80 | |
| H. Wojahn, Grace, Waukesha..... | 336.96 | |

Milwaukee Conference

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| E. R. Blakewell, Divinity..... | 73.95 | 2.00 |
| E. Blumenthal, Salem..... | 519.46 | 12.00 |
| John Brenner, St. John..... | 887.56 | 554.85 |
| Victor Brohm, Bethesda..... | 520.90 | 176.34 |
| R. O. Buerger, Gethsemane..... | 467.27 | 75.00 |
| P. J. Burkholz, Siloah..... | 3,084.75 | 905.02 |
| Herman Cares, Christ..... | 740.52 | 40.50 |
| John C. Dahlke, Jerusalem..... | 917.32 | 245.04 |
| James De Galley, St. Paul..... | 123.19 | |
| E. Ph. Dornfeld, St. Marcus..... | 1,267.77 | 91.40 |
| G. W. Fischer, St. Jacobi..... | 1,059.62 | 360.79 |

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| Fred Graeber, Apostle..... | 208.96 | 12.50 |
| A. F. Halboth, St. Matthew..... | 884.13 | 159.00 |
| R. W. Huth, Messiah..... | 239.40 | 47.55 |
| John Jeske, Divine Charity..... | 339.53 | 55.84 |
| L. F. Karrer, St. Andrew..... | 97.75 | 38.05 |
| Ph. H. and Herbert Koehler, St. Lucas..... | 2,672.30 | 476.42 |
| A. C. Lengling, Saron..... | 136.50 | 38.27 |
| Erhard C. Pankow, Garden Homes..... | 452.70 | |
| Paul Pieper, St. Peter..... | 1,985.42 | 201.56 |
| Wm. F. Sauer, Grace..... | 709.67 | 234.35 |
| W. J. Schaefer, Atonement..... | 250.00 | |
| G. E. Schmeling, Bethel..... | 394.93 | 299.60 |
| V. Schultz, Parkside..... | 84.76 | |
| A. Tacke, Zebaoth..... | 661.58 | |
| Arthur P. Voss, St. James..... | 879.18 | 113.50 |
| Luther Voss, Ephrata..... | 274.75 | 25.25 |

Southern Conference

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| Geo. A. Barthels, St. John, Burlington..... | 457.24 | 53.50 |
| A. C. Bartz, Immanuel, Waukegan..... | 171.84 | |
| Carl H. Buenger and R. A. Siegler, Friedens, Kenosha..... | 15.00 | |
| H. J. Diehl, Lake Geneva..... | 23.16 | |
| Walter A. Diehl, Elkhorn..... | 47.35 | |
| O. Heidtke, Jerusalem, Morton Grove..... | 25.00 | |
| E. W. Hillmer, St. Luke, Kenosha..... | 265.75 | |
| Eugene Hinderer, Zion, Bristol..... | 275.00 | |
| Edwin Jaster, Epiphany, Racine..... | 133.53 | |
| Arnold Koelpin, Caledonia..... | 189.82 | 11.00 |
| W. H. Lehmann, St. John, Libertyville..... | 296.92 | |
| A. Lorenz, St. John, Slades Corners..... | 346.90 | |
| O. B. Nommensen, Zion, South Milwaukee..... | 384.09 | 160.05 |
| R. P. Otto, Peace, Wilmet..... | 455.00 | 7.00 |
| W. K. Pifer, Bethany, Kenosha..... | 188.79 | 20.00 |
| M. F. Plass, St. John, Oakwood..... | 234.02 | 45.65 |
| Gerhard Redlin, Zion, Crete..... | 1,202.11 | |
| G. E. Schmeling, Immanuel, Paris..... | 23.50 | |
| G. E. Schmeling, Trinity, Raymond..... | 137.20 | |
| Theo. Volkert, First Ev. Luth., Racine..... | 681.81 | |
| H. J. Wackerfuss, St. James, Evanston..... | 24.95 | |
| Irvin W. Weiss, St. Mark, Atwood Heights..... | 28.45 | |
| Irvin W. Weiss, Palos Heights..... | 39.70 | |

Direct Contribution

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| M. S. B..... | 10.00 | |
| Rev. Clarence Krueger, Adell, Wisconsin..... | 8.00 | |
| | \$ 41,581.92 | \$ 5,423.50 |

Memorial Wreaths

(All Following Amounts Are Included In Above Totals)

| In Memory of | Reverend | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------|
| Mrs. C. Smith..... | E. Blumenthal..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Clara Grams..... | John Brenner..... | 5.00 |
| Reinhart Pope, Sr..... | P. J. Burkholz..... | 6.00 |
| Mrs. Emma Krueger..... | John C. Dahlke..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Herman Gieschen..... | John C. Dahlke..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Emma Frank..... | E. Ph. Dornfeld..... | 3.00 |
| Robert Kohn..... | G. W. Fischer..... | 15.00 |
| Carl J. Mueller..... | G. W. Fischer..... | 10.00 |
| Hugo Kopatzke..... | G. W. Fischer..... | 5.00 |
| Albert Benz..... | G. W. Fischer..... | 5.00 |
| Rev. John Karrer..... | G. W. Fischer..... | 1.00 |
| Capt. Edwin J. Neitzel..... | Ph. and H. Koehler..... | 30.00 |
| Pvt. Ottomar Bruss..... | Ph. and H. Koehler..... | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Frieda Gieschen..... | Ph. and H. Koehler..... | 5.00 |
| Ernst and Emilie Redepenning..... | Ph. and H. Koehler..... | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Emilie Hoppe..... | Ph. and H. Koehler..... | 10.00 |
| Albert Draeger..... | Ph. and H. Koehler..... | 3.00 |
| Herman Bothe..... | Ph. and H. Koehler..... | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Frieda Gieschen..... | Arthur P. Voss..... | 20.00 |
| Louis Ungrodt..... | Arthur P. Voss..... | 3.00 |
| Carl Heublein..... | W. Reinemann..... | 5.00 |
| Mrs. Fred Baetz..... | W. Reinemann..... | 10.00 |
| S/Sgt. Leonard Wenzel..... | Ad. von Rohr..... | 18.00 |
| Mrs. Bertha Dessow..... | Ph. Henry Hartwig..... | 10.00 |
| Anna Gerhard..... | Kurt A. Lescow..... | 5.00 |
| Rev. John Karrer..... | J. Mahnke..... | 36.50 |
| Mrs. Frieda Gieschen..... | C. A. Otto..... | 5.00 |
| J. H. Kannenberg..... | Martin F. Rische..... | 51.00 |

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| Reinhart Pope, Sr. | Arnold Schultz | 4.00 | |
| Edward Waech | Arnold Schultz | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| Mrs. F. Rafferty | H. W. Schwertfeger | 3.00 | |
| Rev. John Karrer | E. W. Tacke | 10.00 | |
| Mrs. Bertha Ruehle | E. W. Tacke | 3.00 | |
| Elmer Lindemann | E. W. Tacke | 2.00 | |
| Emil Wachs | Geo. A. Barthels | 2.00 | |
| Karen Ann Dettmering | Geo. A. Barthels | | 5.00 |
| Gordon Sherman | Geo. A. Barthels | | 2.00 |
| Joan Margaret Czopienske | O. B. Nommensen | | 10.05 |
| Mrs. Emma Kanis | R. P. Otto | 5.00 | 7.00 |
| Herman Theis | Clarence Krueger | 8.00 | |
| Mrs. Peter Buchenauer | Paul A. Behn | 14.00 | |
| Pfc. Eugene Fallier | Paul A. Behn | 5.00 | |
| Herman Rowe | Adolph C. Buenger | | 5.00 |
| Otto Glamm | M. F. Rische | 24.00 | |
| Edw. L. Greisbaum | Arnold Schultz | | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Emilie Maas | P. J. Burkholz | | 5.00 |
| Lt. Robert J. Sleske | John C. Dahlke | 5.00 | |
| Frieda Kalfas | John C. Dahlke | 2.00 | |
| Mrs. Frieda Gieschen | E. Ph. Dornfeld | 12.00 | |
| Rev. John Karrer | A. F. Halboth | | 13.00 |
| Wm. Meyer | Ph. and H. Koehler | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Bertha Vick | Ph. and H. Koehler | 3.00 | |
| Mrs. L. Hersberg | Ph. and H. Koehler | | 1.50 |
| Frederick Rüdolph | Ph. and H. Koehler | 4.00 | 11.00 |
| Albert Meier | Paul Pieper | 10.00 | 11.00 |
| Mrs. Marie Blumenthal | Geo. A. Barthels | 2.00 | |
| Joan Josephine Schneider | Geo. A. Barthels | | 35.50 |
| Gordon Malsch | Geo. A. Barthels | | 5.00 |
| Fred Huth | Geo. A. Barthels | | 6.00 |
| Pvt. Arthur Damaschke | E. Walter Hillmer | 34.00 | |
| Mrs. Marie Siekert | A. P. Voss | 2.00 | 5.00 |
| Mrs. E. Kitz | A. P. Voss | | 3.00 |
| Siekert Memorial Wreath | E. Blakewell | | 2.00 |
| Edw. Robran | Paul Pieper | | 3.00 |
| Laura Zipter | Paul Pieper | 15.00 | 4.00 |
| Mrs. August Kosiboski | Herman Cares | | 1.50 |
| Mrs. Amanda Zurbuchen | Walther Keibel | 5.00 | |
| Mrs. Paul Benke, Sr. | E. W. Tacke | 7.00 | |
| James J. Cuba | Marvin Volkmann | 30.00 | |
| S. 2/C Raymond R. E. Lengling | A. C. Lengling | 10.00 | |
| Paula Trenden | Wm. F. Sauer | | 4.00 |
| Rev. Wm. J. Jaeger | P. J. Burkholz | | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Erna Dulak | John G. Jeske | 3.00 | |
| Sgt. Edw. G. Manske | Ph. and H. Koehler | 38.00 | 2.00 |
| Peter Hott, Sr. | Ph. and H. Koehler | | 6.00 |

G. W. SAMPE, District Cashier.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

March, April, May, 1945

Red Wing Conference

| Reverend | Budgetary | Non-Budgetary |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| L. W. Schierenbeck, Austin | \$ 208.01 | \$ |
| Theo. Haar, Bear Valley | 53.00 | |
| E. G. Hertler, Brownsville | 13.50 | |
| Karl A. Gurgel, Caledonia | 978.85 | 35.80 |
| H. F. Muenkel, Dexter | 610.00 | |
| Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac | 29.75 | 63.50 |
| T. E. Kock, Goodhue | 226.25 | 19.50 |
| F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, Grace | 108.13 | |
| F. W. Weindorf, Goodhue, St. John | 465.73 | 34.00 |
| E. G. Hertler, Hokah | 96.60 | |
| E. G. Hertler, La Crescent | 122.50 | |
| T. H. Albrecht, Lake City | 1,025.06 | 52.00 |
| Theo. Haar, Mazeppa | 163.00 | |
| T. E. Kock, Minneola | 177.26 | |
| H. J. Anger, Nodine | 474.14 | 10.28 |
| N. A. Reinke, Oronoco | 186.14 | |
| Geo. W. Scheitel, Potsdam | 41.65 | |
| J. R. Baumann, Red Wing | 19.50 | 10.50 |
| E. G. Hertler, South Ridge | 131.75 | 6.00 |
| Karl A. Gurgel, Union | 194.10 | 9.50 |
| G. Radtke, Wabasha | 26.50 | |
| Paul E. Horn, Zumbrota | 1,933.00 | 2.00 |

Mankato Conference

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|
| M. J. Lenz, Alma City | 242.01 | |
| W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine | 481.36 | |
| H. H. Schaller, Helen | 185.75 | 10.00 |
| L. F. Brandes, Jordan | 292.00 | |
| A. Ackermann, Mankato | 1,500.14 | 88.75 |
| A. Martens, New Prague | 254.35 | |
| R. A. Haase, North Mankato | 135.00 | |
| A. H. Mackdanz, St. Clair | 354.09 | |
| O. K. Netzke, Smith's Mill | 50.00 | |

St. Croix Valley Conference

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------|
| O. P. Medenwald, Amery | 202.20 | |
| Otto Klett, Bay City, Wisconsin | 42.00 | |
| E. W. Penk, Baytown | 213.35 | 29.00 |
| A. W. Saremba, Cady, Wisconsin | 97.87 | |
| F. A. Werner, Centuria | 46.74 | |
| O. P. Medenwald, Clear Lake | 131.06 | |
| E. H. Bruns, Delano | 495.57 | 138.90 |
| L. W. Meyer, Farmington | 439.42 | |
| E. W. Penk, Grant | 46.40 | |
| P. R. Kurth, Hastings | 173.36 | 14.51 |
| Im. W. Bade, Hersey, Wisconsin | 36.08 | |
| R. J. Palmer, Minneapolis | 401.99 | |
| Paul C. Dovidat, Minneapolis | 870.00 | 200.00 |
| R. C. Ave Lallemand, North St. Paul | 185.00 | |
| A. H. Leerssen, Nye | 8.40 | |
| A. H. Leerssen, Osceola | 107.98 | |
| Otto Klett, Prescott | 86.25 | |
| F. A. Werner, Rock Creek | 40.51 | |
| F. H. Tabbert, St. Croix Falls | 51.09 | |

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|-------------------------------------|--------|-------|
| C. F. Bolle, St. Paul | 413.02 | |
| G. A. Ernst, St. Paul | 726.88 | |
| A. C. Haase, St. Paul | 776.81 | 27.00 |
| J. Plocher, St. Paul | 586.97 | |
| C. P. Kock, Interim, South St. Paul | 430.89 | 59.00 |
| J. W. F. Pieper, Somerset | 12.89 | |
| J. W. F. Pieper, Stillwater | 205.60 | |

Redwood Falls Conference

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| J. G. Bradtke, Arlington | 1,259.58 | 6.00 |
| A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills | 482.47 | 156.31 |
| W. J. Schmidt, Danube | 487.49 | |
| Theodor Bauer, Echo | 333.60 | |
| K. Neumann, Emmet | 95.40 | |
| V. F. Voecks, Vacancy, Essig | 81.23 | |
| Im. F. Albrecht, Fairfax | 302.05 | |
| K. Neumann, Flora | 178.59 | |
| V. F. Voecks, Vacancy, Ft. Ridgely | 17.53 | |
| Hy. Boettcher, Gibbon | 184.03 | 150.00 |
| E. R. Gamm, Marshall | 235.68 | |
| E. R. Becker, Milroy | 21.00 | |
| M. J. Wehausen, Morton | 399.58 | |
| I. F. Lenz, Olivia | 204.41 | |
| A. W. Fuerstenau, Omro | 280.85 | |
| Edw. A. Birkholz, Redwood Falls | 434.10 | |
| W. F. Dorn, Renville | 189.00 | |
| Walter P. Scheitel, Sheridan | 19.50 | |
| E. G. Fritz, Wellington | 502.50 | 2.00 |
| C. W. A. Kuehner, Winthrop | 101.83 | |
| G. F. Zimmermann, Wood Lake | 335.02 | 15.50 |

Crow River Valley Conference

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------|
| W. G. Voigt, Acoma | 448.90 | |
| E. R. Berwald, Buffalo | 373.21 | |
| Elmer J. Zehms, Clinton | 120.36 | |
| F. R. Weyland, Crawfords Lake | 27.35 | 77.29 |
| M. Schuetze, Ellsworth | 212.00 | |
| Harold Hempel, Glenwood | 38.58 | |
| Elmer J. Zehms, Graceville | 70.33 | |
| H. C. Duehlmeier, Hancock | 241.69 | |
| Arthur W. Koehler, Hutchinson | 1,685.14 | 142.75 |
| P. R. Kuske, Hutchinson, Trinity | 62.60 | |
| Chr. Albrecht, Johnson | 219.28 | 8.00 |
| Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield | 573.54 | 14.00 |
| W. P. Haar, Loretto | 602.22 | 70.00 |
| E. A. Binger, Lynn | 162.45 | 30.00 |
| R. L. Wiechmann, Monticello | 170.55 | |
| F. R. Weyland, Montrose | 61.71 | 10.00 |
| H. C. Duehlmeier, Morris | 135.00 | |
| E. L. Mehlberg, Pelican Lake | 241.60 | |
| S. Baer, Rockford | 432.74 | 34.50 |

New Ulm Conference

| | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| H. C. Sprenger, Balaton | 285.50 | |
| M. C. Kunde, Brighton | 77.65 | |
| Martin Lemke, Butterfield | 96.92 | |
| M. C. Kunde, Courtland | 37.78 | |
| Martin Lemke, Darfur | 89.62 | |
| H. A. Scherf, Eden | 195.00 | |
| Dr. Paul W. Spaude, Lake Benton | 112.20 | 35.00 |
| G. Hinnenenthal, New Ulm | 1,788.42 | 75.00 |
| E. Schaller, Nicolle | 801.37 | |
| G. Theo. Albrecht, St. Peter | 104.06 | |
| Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye | 1,249.58 | 191.50 |
| R. F. Schroeder, Tyler | 45.65 | |
| Dr. Paul W. Spaude, Verdi | 72.10 | 10.00 |
| Karl Brickmann, Vesta | 319.59 | 15.00 |
| Walter W. Eifert, Rochester | 1.00 | |
| A. C. Butenhoff, Delhi | 5.00 | |
| | \$ 34,686.96 | \$ 1,853.09 |

Memorial Wreaths

| In Memory of | Reverend | Amount |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Sgt. Ernest J. Diercks | F. W. Weindorf, St. John, Goodhue | \$ 141.75 |
| Christopher Vieths | F. W. Weindorf, St. John, Goodhue | 105.50 |
| Fred William Boatsman | J. R. Baumann, Red Wing | 9.00 |
| Mrs. Engel Bolland | J. R. Baumann, Red Wing | 21.00 |
| Cordt Quast | Paul E. Horn, Zumbrota | 43.50 |
| Pfc. Arnold Lohmann | Paul E. Horn, Zumbrota | 315.00 |
| Mrs. Martin Kunde | Paul E. Horn, Zumbrota | 11.50 |
| Hilbert Krause | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 21.10 |
| Edgar A. Lehmann | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 10.50 |
| John W. Osborne | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 9.00 |
| Louis H. Bisping | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 3.00 |
| Lt. Leslie Becker | F. H. Tabbert, St. Croix Falls | 3.00 |
| Frederick Westphal | A. C. Haase, St. Paul | 7.00 |
| E. Schiffmann | I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax | 3.00 |
| Wm. Perwitz | I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax | 3.00 |
| Mrs. C. Bleck | E. G. Fritz, Wellington | 2.00 |
| Mrs. Julius Fuhrman | Chr. Albrecht, Johnson | 7.00 |
| Julius Goskey | W. P. Haar, Loretto | 28.00 |
| Verdell Aeshliman | W. P. Haar, Loretto | 86.00 |
| Edward Sondag | G. Hinnenenthal, New Ulm | 25.00 |
| Mrs. Ida Klaus | G. Hinnenenthal, New Ulm | 43.00 |
| F. W. Schroeder | Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye | 22.00 |
| Arnold Gustav Klaus | Walter W. Eifert, Rochester | 1.00 |
| Christ Vieths | F. W. Weindorf, St. John, Goodhue | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Peter Fick | T. H. Albrecht, Lake City | 10.00 |
| Emelia Schroeder | T. H. Albrecht, Lake City | 13.00 |
| Miss Clara Bongardt | E. G. Hertler, South Ridge | 51.00 |
| Louis A. Becker | Karl A. Gurgel, Union | 17.50 |
| Frederick Earl Harjes | H. H. Schaller, Helen | 26.00 |
| Helen Caroline Beneke | H. H. Schaller, Helen | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Eliza Brenner | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 20.00 |
| Mrs. Hulda Jesse | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 35.75 |
| Louis Bisping | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 13.00 |
| Frank Wandersee | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Ruth Banta | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 20.00 |

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| C. Fredin, C. Seck | E. H. Bruns, Delano | 22.50 |
| Edward J. Kemmick | A. C. Haase, St. Paul | 20.00 |
| Art. Hackbarth | A. C. Krueger, Cedar Mills | 102.50 |
| Mrs. Herm. Albrecht | V. F. Voecks, Vacancy, Essig | 7.50 |
| Mrs. Wm. Perwitz | I. F. Albrecht, Fairfax | 4.00 |
| Mary Milbrodt | G. F. Zimmermann, Wood Lake | 55.45 |
| August Kohls | W. G. Voigt, Acoma | 53.00 |
| Wm. Sommerfeld | Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield | 27.00 |
| Marlin Schultz | Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield | 5.50 |
| Baby Matz | Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield | 8.50 |
| John A. Tessmer | W. P. Haar, Loretto | 10.00 |
| Frederick E. Duska | F. R. Weyland, Montrose | 16.50 |
| Mrs. John Fave | S. Baer, Rockford | 10.00 |
| Mrs. Frank Butenhoff | A. C. Butenhoff, Delhi | 3.00 |
| Linda Oitzmann | Karl A. Gurgel, Caledonia | 40.30 |
| Mrs. Greta Mikkelson | Karl A. Gurgel, Caledonia | 6.50 |
| Mrs. Frank Rotonda | Karl A. Gurgel, Caledonia | 83.75 |
| Margaret Steffenhagen | Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac | 31.50 |
| John Dammann | Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac | 7.00 |
| Mrs. Walter Zemke | Karl A. Nolting, Frontenac | 54.75 |
| John Behrens | T. E. Kock, Goodhue | 45.75 |
| Peter Quast | F. W. Weindorf, Grace, Goodhue | 5.00 |
| Ernest Diercks | F. W. Weindorf, St. John, Goodhue | 6.00 |
| Ferdinand Brunkow | T. H. Albrecht, Lake City | 2.00 |
| Mrs. John Breuer | T. H. Albrecht, Lake City | 5.00 |
| Louis Dankers | T. H. Albrecht, Lake City | 35.00 |
| Mrs. Adelheit Reckman | T. H. Albrecht, Lake City | 13.00 |
| Mrs. Mathilda Ready | E. G. Hertler, S. Ridge | 1.00 |
| Mrs. Wm. Kerkow | W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine | 9.00 |
| Gustav Malz | W. Schuetze, Belle Plaine | 3.00 |
| Mrs. Wm. Fratzke | A. Ackermann, Mankato | 61.00 |
| Sherman Schneider | E. W. Penk, Baytown | 79.00 |
| S/Sgt. Henry A. Klawitter | O. P. Medenwald, Clear Lake | 78.50 |
| Rev. G. Fritze | Paul C. Dowidat, Minneapolis | 91.00 |
| Robert F. Roll | A. C. Haase, St. Paul | 3.00 |
| Signal Man 2 Cl. | | |
| Herbert J. Lind | C. P. Kock, So. St. Paul | 349.84 |
| Mrs. Hy. Boelter | J. G. Bradtke, Arlington | 6.00 |
| Rudolph W. Hoppenrath | Walter P. Scheitel, Sheridan | 19.50 |
| Wilbert Henke | G. F. Zimmermann, Wood Lake | 76.70 |
| Mrs. Hulda Klawitter | W. G. Voigt, Acoma | 69.00 |
| Mrs. Alma Leerssen | F. R. Weyland, Crawford Lake | 7.00 |
| Carl Boehlke | F. R. Weyland, Crawford Lake | 64.00 |
| Rev. W. J. Schulze | Arthur W. Koehler, Hutchinson | 808.80 |
| Mrs. August Schlender | Arthur W. Koehler, Hutchinson | 150.00 |
| Jane Ella Sandman | Arthur W. Koehler, Hutchinson | 3.75 |
| Albert Sitz | Arthur W. Koehler, Hutchinson | 44.50 |
| Mrs. Emilie Leske | Arthur W. Koehler, Hutchinson | 11.00 |
| F. Julius Fuhrmann | Chr. Albrecht, Johnson | 19.00 |
| Lucille Uhlig | Chr. Albrecht, Johnson | 3.00 |
| Mrs. Wilhelmina Rosenow | Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield | 21.25 |
| Mrs. Ed. Risch | Karl J. Plocher, Litchfield | 38.00 |
| Waldo Wandersee | S. Baer, Rockford | 112.00 |
| Wm. Roeglin | G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm | 15.00 |
| Mrs. Wm. J. Weilage | G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm | 25.00 |
| Mrs. Selma Tilmeyer | G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm | 10.00 |
| Lloyd Carlson (U. S. Serv.) | G. Hinnenthal, New Ulm | 6.00 |
| Fred Fohl | Wm. C. Albrecht, Sleepy Eye | 2.50 |

H. R. KURTH, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

July 1, 1944 to June 30, 1945

Receipts

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Cash Balance July 1, 1944 | \$ 49,161.33 |
| Budgetary Collections: | |
| General Administration | \$229,561.70 |
| Educational Institutions | 81,877.78 |
| Home for the Aged | 5,727.62 |
| Spiritual Welfare Commission | 65,903.55 |
| For Other Missions | 350,274.56 |
| Indigent Students | 4,311.44 |
| General Support | 15,923.92 |
| School Supervision | 1,278.86 |
| To Retire Debt | 4,204.85 |
| Revenues | 112,637.58 |
| Total Budgetary Collections and Revenues | \$851,701.86 |

Non-Budgetary Receipts:

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| From Debt Retirement Committee | 4,622.81 |
| U. S. Government Bonds Matured | 49,952.50 |
| Total Receipts | \$906,277.17 |

Disbursements

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|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Budgetary Disbursements: | |
| General Administration | \$ 35,536.09 |
| Theological Seminary | 33,356.70 |
| Northwestern College | 76,038.39 |
| Dr. Martin Luther College | 70,582.44 |
| Michigan Lutheran Seminary | 40,738.60 |
| Northwestern Lutheran Academy | 17,619.90 |
| Home for the Aged | 10,243.56 |
| Missions — General Administration | 389.22 |
| Indian Mission | 39,316.92 |
| Negro Missions | 18,928.59 |
| Home Missions | 240,692.72 |
| Poland Mission | 7,289.00 |
| Madison Student Mission | 1,317.01 |
| Spiritual Welfare Commission | 65,862.74 |
| Winnebago Lutheran Academy | 1,800.00 |
| General Support | 31,049.00 |
| Indigent Students | 1,500.00 |
| School Supervision | 3,822.68 |
| Total Budgetary Disbursements | \$695,883.56 |

Non-Budgetary Disbursements:

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Transferred to Church Extension Fund from receipts from Debt Retirement Committee | 3,603.74 |
| Institutional Missions — Parsonages | 1,117.56 |
| U. S. Government Bonds Purchased | 199,952.50 |
| Total Disbursements | \$900,557.36 |
| Cash Balance June 30, 1945 | \$ 54,881.14 |
| Budgetary Reserve Fund | \$350,000.00 |

Allotments Statement for Twelve Months

| Districts | Communicants Receipts | Allotments |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Pacific Northwest | 1,070 \$ 5,419.11 | \$ 3,852.00 |
| Nebraska | 4,715 21,268.61 | 16,974.00 |
| Michigan | 16,980 86,420.77 | 61,128.00 |
| Dakota-Montana | 5,586 28,051.83 | 20,109.60 |
| Minnesota | 34,014 138,646.30 | 122,450.40 |
| North Wisconsin | 39,604 148,640.42 | 142,574.40 |
| West Wisconsin | 41,420 144,970.35 | 149,112.00 |
| Southeast Wisconsin | 45,447 157,451.77 | 163,609.20 |
| Total | 188,836 \$730,869.16 | \$679,809.60 |

| Districts | Deficit | Surplus | Percent of Allotment |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Pacific Northwest | | \$ 1,567.11 | 140.68% |
| Nebraska | | 4,294.61 | 125.30% |
| Michigan | | 25,292.77 | 141.37% |
| Dakota-Montana | | 7,942.23 | 139.49% |
| Minnesota | | 16,195.90 | 113.22% |
| North Wisconsin | | 6,066.02 | 104.25% |
| West Wisconsin | 4,141.65 | | 97.22% |
| Southeast Wisconsin | 6,157.43 | | 96.23% |
| Total | \$ 10,299.08 | \$ 61,358.64 | 107.51% |

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

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For June, 1945

For Spiritual Welfare Commission

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| Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Stolt, Nicollet, Minnesota | \$ 5.00 |
| Walter E. Jaekel, New York | 5.00 |
| Memorial Wreath in memory of Ferdinand Ballien given by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ballien, Hemlock, Michigan | 2.00 |
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| Pfc. Milbert W. Huth, New York | 5.00 |
| Cpl. R. C. Siegman, New York | 10.00 |
| Albert Angeli, R. D. M. 3/C, San Francisco, California | 5.00 |
| Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Stamm of Milwaukee given by Mrs. L. Ungrodt, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ungrodt, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Ungrodt, Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 3.00 |
| Ladies' Aid Society, Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin | 10.00 |
| Memorial Wreath in memory of Jack D. Helbing, Y. 2/C, by Mr. and Mrs. H. Sperling, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Ostby, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mahnke, and Donald W. Meier | 8.00 |
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\$ 175.75

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| N. N., South Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 5.00 |
| Church of Our Savior, Excelsior, Minnesota | 2.00 |
| St. Stephen's Congregation, Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 5.00 |
| Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Fred Schultz by the following: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schultz, Clara Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Schultz and Ethyleen, Mr. and Mrs. Emery Hogie | 7.50 |

\$ 119.50

For Church Extension Fund

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| Memorial Wreath in memory of J. C. Bode, Nicollet, Minnesota, given by Relatives and Friends | \$ 105.75 |
| Total | \$ 105.75 |

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COLLECTION ENVELOPES

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