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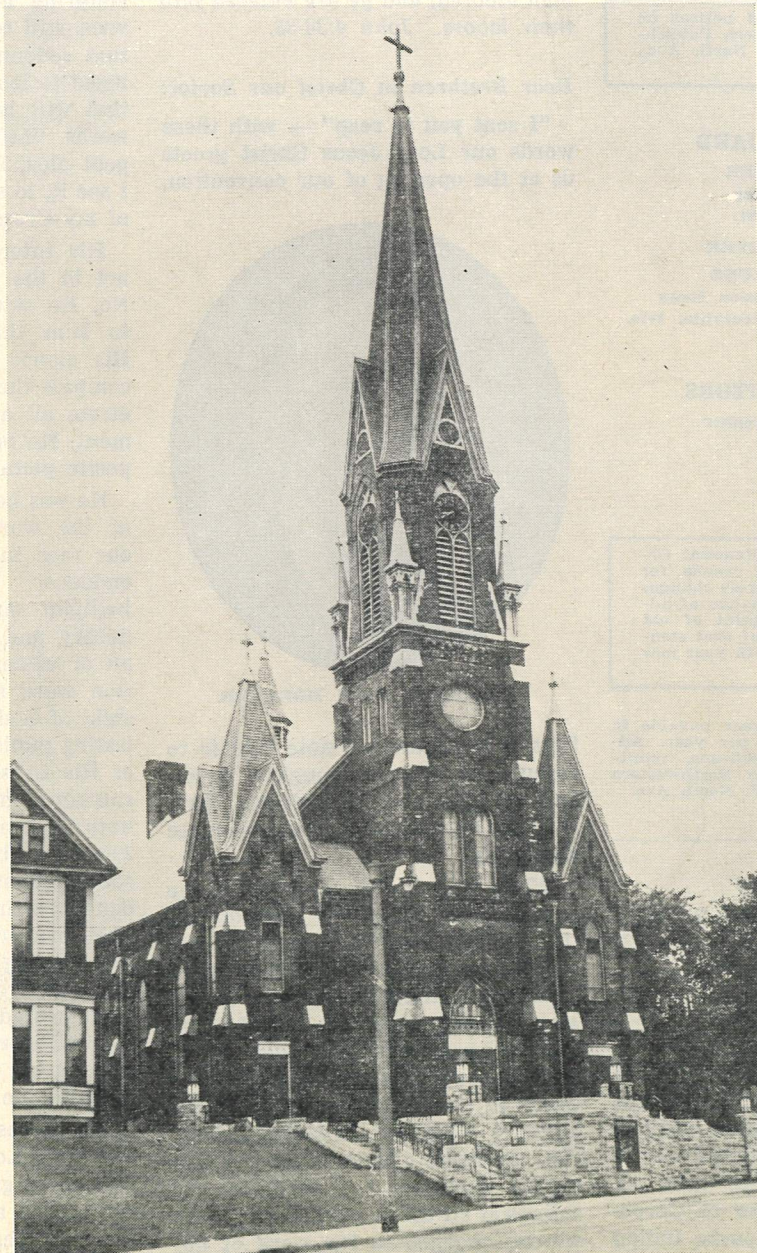
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COVER DESIGN

St. Lucas Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the scene of the convention of the Joint Synod during the first week in August.

DO YOU KNOW that our Synod sent a missionary to the Indians of the Southwest as early as 1876; and that we established a mission among the Apaches only six years after the surrender of Geronimo, last of the fierce Apache Indian chiefs.

Biennial Report Of The President

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, August 3, 1949

"Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say ye not, There are yet four months and then cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages; that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor; other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors. John 4:34-38.

Dear Brethren in Christ our Savior:

"I sent you to reap" — with these words our Lord Jesus Christ greets us at the opening of our convention,



PRESIDENT JOHN BRENNER

thus striking the key-note that is to resound in all our thoughts, words, and acts, as we are gathered here. Does He always find a ready response among us?

When the Lord mentioned the harvest, His disciples immediately thought of the four months that would be required to ripen the grain. That was a thing they could understand. They still saw chiefly the natural aspects of life, and so we also are ever inclined to see and to think as the natural man does and only too often find ourselves lacking the spiritual understanding that should dominate our thoughts and actions at all times, particularly when we are engaged in the work of our home church and that of our Synod.

Not that our Savior would despise the so-called natural things; His words show us that no one has ever penetrated more deeply than He into every phase of human life, nor appreciated more fully its every problem, joy, and grief. And to Him nature means more than it does to us.

But here He is, as verse thirty-four tells us, speaking as the one who gave Himself without reservation to the all-important task assigned to Him by the Father, that of saving a lost world by His vicarious suffering and death. The disciples were still to see the crowning act of that redemptive work; we are privileged to look back upon it. Perhaps that will lead us to hear from His words, "Lift up your eyes," the urgent plea, Learn to see the world as I see it, to see it in the glorious light of my Cross.

His interest was at this moment not in the coming harvest of grain. No, He saw the Samaritans coming to Him through the field and, as His glance swept over them to encompass the whole world and to penetrate all ages to the Day of Judgment, He beheld before Him a composite picture of all mankind.

He was not attracted by the glories of the world, the achievements of our race in all the fields of human endeavor. He looked beneath the brilliant surface to see the deep misery and the awful fate of men, all of whom without a single exception were sinful and guilty in the sight of God and subject to His everlasting punishment. But in the light of His Cross He beholds these very sinners as men redeemed, reconciled unto God, and justified before Him. They are the fruitage of His bitter sufferings and death, His very own, bought with the price of His blood. They are precious to Him, and it is His burning desire that every one of them be brought to Him in a living faith to find life in Him. And it is for this work of gathering the harvest that the Lord sends His believers out into the world.

The terms, "sowing and reaping," which the Lord employs to define this task are of great significance. The farmer works, and works hard, when he sows the seed into the ground, but his

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Editorials

A Pleasant Experience On August 7, at the occasion of the convention of our synod in Milwaukee a mass-service was held in the city auditorium in which all the churches of our synod in Milwaukee and some in the immediate vicinity of Milwaukee joined. These churches dropped their services on that Sunday and bade their people to participate in the service at the auditorium.

Nothing more was done about it. There was no advertising in the newspapers of the city, no screaming headlines, no pictures of the great and near great that would participate, no mention or picture of the 500-voice choir that would sing, nothing of all that. It was all done reverently and quietly within the confines of our own synod churches. And what was the result of such methods? Not only was the great hall of the auditorium filled to capacity but the adjoining hall had to be pressed into service to seat the people who had come on this Sunday morning to give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the great things He had done for His unworthy servants of the Wisconsin Synod.

Though they assembled in a public auditorium a churchly decorum was manifested by all who attended. People knew themselves to be in the House of God because His Word and His presence was there. It was an orderly and serious congregation. They came to hear the Word of God, to pray, praise and give thanks to Him.

The service was simple, such as a Christian experiences every Sunday in his home church. It was sober and dignified. The president of our Joint Synod, Pastor John Brenner, preached the sermon in which he recounted all that the Lord did for us during the past century. It was no praising of the men who blazed the trail for our synod, it was no harangue of the wickedness of the world, no challenge to the dens of vice in the world, no indictment of the existing evils, no recounting of the great power of our enemies, it was rather the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His work for the salvation of men and God's inscrutable way of carrying out His will and purpose concerning sinners whom He chooses as His vessels to do His work. It was wonderful to listen and hear those compelling words. Who heard them surely returned home with a heart swelling with gratitude that the great God by His grace called him and put him to work in His vineyard. The choir of 500 voices sang two anthems. This choir, too, made no attempt at rendering something to awe the congregation, rather it sang two simple compositions and sang them beautifully. That was the service. Yet it thrilled every hearer. That vast assembly sang the songs of Zion with fervor and zest and the liturgical responses made the heart glad.

More than 7,000 people according to a conservative estimate had gathered at the auditorium. It certainly ought to teach us one thing: that with the right appeal and without making great splurges in public, Christians can be interested in a service that should serve no other purpose than to worship God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It was, we repeat, a wonderful experience.

W. J. S.

A Worth-While Study Much reading that we do now-a-days has little value. Much of it is so light that it is a pure waste of time reading it; and some of it is rank poison and dangerous to the soul. This issue of the *Northwestern Lutheran* is not of this type. Whoever reads it thoughtfully will profit by it. It will inform you concerning the meeting of our Joint Synod in which every Christian of our Synod is intensely interested at all times. People often complain that they are not informed on the affairs of our synod. Surely that cannot be laid at the door of synod but rather the people themselves are at fault. At least this much can be truthfully said, that having the opportunity to read what was done at the recent convention of the Joint Synod in Milwaukee and neglecting to read it, they have no one to blame but themselves. We therefore plead with our readers to take the time and study the report of the proceedings as reported by Professor A. Schaller in this issue. Any pastor or lay delegate who sat through those meetings day after day will have convinced himself that God is doing great things by our feeble hands and that God is carrying on His work through such weak vessels as we are to His own glory. We humbly admit our shortcomings, our apathy at times, our slowness of heart to believe, yes, and our slothfulness to do the things that we ought to do and do them with zeal and diligence. Yet the Lord did not deal with us after our sins but by His grace blessed our feeble efforts and accomplished His own purpose. As we penitently admit this, we also look to Christ the Author and Finisher of our faith not only asking forgiveness but also that He fill us with His Spirit and strengthen us for the future to do His work in the kingdom.

The spirit of the convention left little to wish for. Although all issues were debated freely the unanimity with which the issues were finally decided made the heart beat just a little faster for joy. Nor were things done half-heartedly as they often are, nor did the "yea and amen" spirit, so often present at such conventions, manifest itself. Important issues were deliberated, debated and decided upon after due deliberation in a determined spirit. The interest of the delegates never lagged. The church was well filled at the opening of the sessions and it was still filled at the close of the sessions. No better indication of the interest of the people could possibly be found. May the good Lord grant us His grace in the years to come. May He fill us with His Spirit that looking neither to the right nor to the left we may inquire only after His will and in humble obedience bow to it, whether according to the reckoning of men, it may mean loss or gain. Above all else we should be concerned to follow Him who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life." That way is clear, laid down in the Bible for us; who follows it will not walk in darkness. May God in mercy ever grant this to the Joint Synod of Wisconsin.

W. J. S.

Centennial Convention Of The Joint Synod

AT half past twelve, on Tuesday night, August 9, after the last item on the agenda had been disposed of, an exhausted assembly of delegates and visitors brought to a close the most memorable convention in the history of the Wisconsin Synod. What made this convention memorable was not the nature or the amount of the work accomplished, nor yet an array of extraordinary and prominent representatives of the Synod gathered here in contrast to delegations at other conventions, but rather, as most of our readers know by this time, the remarkable fact that this convention was the prelude to

ing at the convention in St. Lucas Church in Milwaukee.

This is only a very brief rehearsal of remarkable growth during the first century of our Synod's history. What an opportunity for boasting one could find if one were to recount also the progress made in mission work and in the broad field of Christian education! The Old Adam loves to point with pride to what looks to him like great human accomplishments in affairs of the Church. Anniversaries, particularly a centennial anniversary, offer dangerous opportunities for proud thoughts and words.



CONVENTION IN SESSION

the hundred years' jubilee of the Wisconsin Synod.

On December 8, 1949, three lone preachers met at Grace Church in Milwaukee and founded the "First German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin." In contrast one hundred years later, from August 3 to August 9, 1949, eight districts of this same synod chose 68 pastors, 21 teachers, 61 lay delegates together with some 60 advisory delegates to represent its more than 200,000 communicant members in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Iowa, Ohio, Illinois, Colorado, Washington, Arizona, Oregon, Idaho, and Wyom-

Striving for a God-pleasing Centennial

Every effort was made by the men who spoke the Word of God to the delegates and guests at the convention to guard against vainglory and self-exaltation in this our year of jubilee. On another page in this issue is found the introductory address from President Brenner's report to the delegates of the Synod after the convention had been officially opened. It will give our readers much to think about.

As is customary among us, the members of the convention gathered for a divine service on Wednesday

morning at which Holy Communion was celebrated. On this occasion President Brenner delivered a sermon on Matthew 9, 9-13. In this passage the Evangelist humbly relates how Jesus called him, who had been a despised and sinful publican, into the apostleship. Realizing the love and grace of the Lord in asking him to follow Jesus, Matthew prepared a feast for Him at his house, and many publicans and sinners gathered to join in the feast.

The proud, selfrighteous Pharisees were greatly upset by what they saw there. "Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?", they inquired of Christ's disciples. Jesus answered them very solemnly: "I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Pastor Brenner carried out the sharp contrast between the loving concern of Jesus for lost and wretched sinners on the one hand, and the conceit and vainglory of the Pharisees on the other hand. One could not help but gather from the preacher's discourse, that we of the Wisconsin Synod, whom Jesus has also graciously called to follow Him in order that we might spread the saving Gospel far and wide and preach repentance and the remission of sins, would hardly want to boast of our accomplishments on this joyous anniversary, but would rather want to treasure the unmerited riches of His grace poured out upon us, dedicating ourselves with repentant hearts to the tasks which Jesus is setting before us as we enter the second century of our Synod's history.

The climax of the convention, without a doubt, was the great Centennial service at the Milwaukee auditorium on Sunday morning, August 7. Those of us who had carefully planned to arrive early were surprised beyond words to find the streets within several blocks of the auditorium already lined with cars, while the sidewalks thronged with a seemingly endless parade of people happily hurrying to the service. By ten o'clock the entire hall was occupied to the last seat, and hundreds gathered in the Annex to take part in the jubilee service. It was estimated that an audience numbering between 7,000 and 8,000 people had come to offer thanksgiving to God and to be edified by the Centennial service.

Pastor Brenner was the speaker also at this memorable gathering. Since his sermon will appear in a book to be published next year, commemorating the Centennial of our Synod, we shall not at this time discuss the contents of the sermon in detail. A few general remarks concerning it, however, may help us to realize how well it will serve as an introduction to the forthcoming book and its history of our Synod's life and work.

The text chosen for this memorable milestone of the Wisconsin Synod is recorded in Joshua 4, 21-24 and reads as follows: *"And Joshua spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land.*

"For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, that ye might fear the Lord your God forever."

In his introduction the speaker pointed out in a general way how this passage applies to the present anniversary: "What mean these stones?" These were the stones that the twelve selected men had taken from the bed of the Jordan when the Lord had dried up the river to open the way for His people into the Land of promise. Israel's entrance into Canaan was the beginning of a new period in its history, and these stones "pitched" at Gilgal, were to serve as a memorial for the ages to come.

"Similarly, chosen men among us have brought to light again many names and facts that the ceaselessly flowing stream of time had buried from sight during the past one hundred years. They gathered them . . . and thus set up a memorial at the time of the Centennial of our Synod as we are standing on the threshold of the second century of its existence and work.

"The purpose of both memorials is the same, and the Psalmist lends them voice when he says:

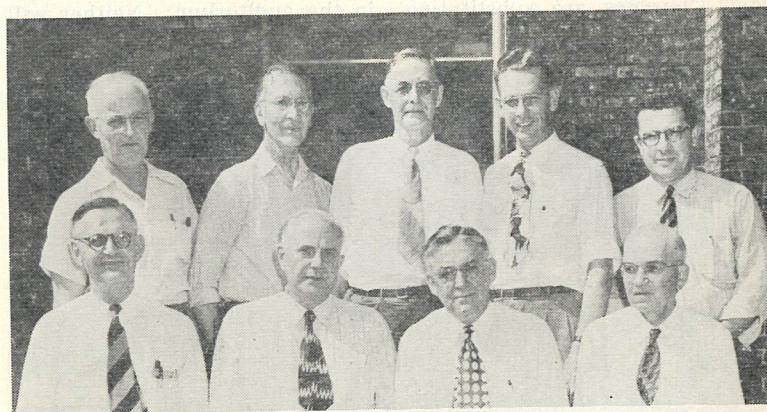
REMEMBER HIS MARVELOUS WORKS THAT HE HATH DONE!

1. Remember, and be thankful!
2. Remember, and fear the Lord your God forever!"

In his first part, President Brenner stressed the words, "The hand of the Lord is mighty," showing how this points us to the mighty works which the Lord has performed for His Church on earth, not only in those days of Joshua, but also in this country of ours. While the writers of profane history exalt the vision, genius, courage and perseverance of man and see in every historical

to fulfil His covenant promise that the Savior should be born in their midst. All this lies in the covenant name of God, "The Lord your God," which significantly occurs three times in our brief text. This people was to be to Him a priestly nation that rejoiced in His grace, walked in His Truth, and glorified His name in a heathen world.

Similarly He created for His Church in this country a home where it would be able to build itself up in peace. At this point the preacher briefly surveyed the early beginnings of the Church in the United States, the organization of the Wisconsin



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development man's success in shaping his destiny, we have learned from God's Word to attribute the brilliant achievements of men not to these men but to God's sovereign rule.

This, the speaker emphasized is the inspired interpretation of the history of the world. God exalts and casts down, bruises and heals, chastises and pardons and blesses, brings to naught and prospers. Our God gathers up all "natural causes" and the ambitions and endeavors of men and shapes them according to His will and purpose. He created the United States for us and provided a Constitution which guarantees to every citizen full religious freedom.

And what is the motive behind these "wondrous works of God"? He led Israel into the promised land in order to dwell among His people with His pardoning grace, to enlighten them with His saving knowledge, and

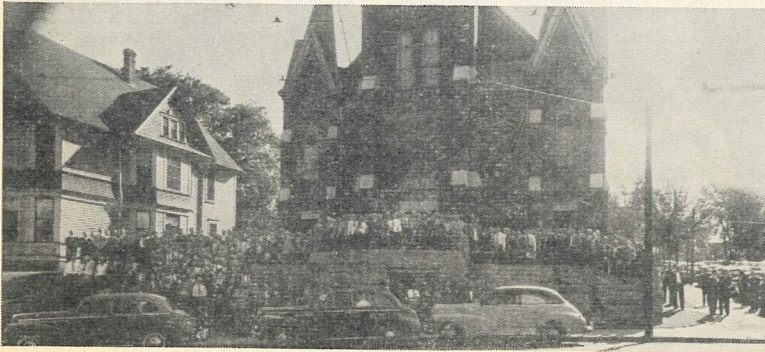
Synod, begun at the end of the year 1849 and completed early in 1850, and the subsequent growth of our Synod. Truly a glorious evidence of His marvelous grace and the might of His hand.

"Who among us," asked the speaker, "would on this occasion want to glorify men and recount their achievements? Surely we have had many faithful members and pastors, but they would be the first to declare, 'Our sufficiency is of God.' Only too often have we provoked Him by our sins and shortcomings. In true repentance we join the apostle when he says, 'By the grace of God I am what I am.' We glory only in the grace of God in Christ Jesus, in His patience with us, and His faithfulness to His Word."

Under the heading, "Remember, and fear the Lord your God forever," Pastor Brenner proceeded to speak

of "the time to come," as we look forward to the second century of the life and work of our Synod. As in the case of Israel, this "time to come" will be fraught with many dangers. We no longer live in the sheltered age of our fathers, when a common language brought along from Europe kept them closely knit together. We have become a part of the people of this nation, and must combat errors, isms and ideologies of all kinds. Our country has grown rich, and there is a danger in wealth. It leads men to love life and to seek to get out of it all they can. Morality has sunk to a low level.

Moreover, we are confronted with grave dangers in the very field of religion. Churches are substituting



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the "social gospel" for the call to repentance. They enter into entangling alliances with movements that are not of the Spirit of God. There is a strong trend toward unionism.

Under such conditions we shall be able to hold fast our blessings only if we continue to "fear the Lord our God forever." In the fear of God we will love His testimonies and joyously walk in His statutes, give our heart, not to the things of this world, but to the treasures of His kingdom, make no compromise with error in doctrine and in practice, never seek the applause of the world nor ally ourselves with its works, and remain mindful of our one glorious mission, that of filling the land He has given us with His saving knowledge.

But how are we and our children to continue in the fear of the Lord under all these temptations? God's answer in our text is simple, "Let your children know." That is the purpose of our Centennial. Let it remind us of the apostle's inspired

words: Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." In the measure in which the individual members of our Synod will accept the saving grace of God in true repentance, the fear of God will increase in us and we will be strong to do, to suffer, and to battle in His name. . . .

May the brief review of the Centennial sermon move all our readers to look forward with keen anticipation to the day when they may read this sermon in the Centennial book. It will not so soon be forgotten by those who were privileged to hear it in the auditorium. Neither will the

audience forget the excellent singing of the chorus of 500 voices under the direction of Mr. Karl Jungkuntz. Two numbers were rendered, the *Hallelujah, Amen, and Chorale* by Wagner, 1759, and the beautiful "*We Laud Our Lord On High*" by Franck, 1641-1695. And finally, those who were present would very likely want us to mention also the edification they received from the Centennial prayer by the Rev. Henry Diehl and from the mighty chorus of voices singing the beloved hymns on the program.

The closing sermon on Monday evening was delivered by the Rev. H. C. Nitz. He based his address on Psalm 90, 17: "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish thou it." The speaker suggested this as a fitting farewell prayer for the Centennial convention: LET THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD OUR GOD BE UPON US, 1. For faith;

2. for forgiveness; 3. for future support in our work.

The Essay

Inasmuch as we have been relating the words of those whose duty it was to address the convention in an official capacity, we believe our readers would gladly receive a resume of the stimulating and highly instructive essay delivered by Prof. M. Lehninger of our Seminary at Thiensville. "THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DOCTRINAL POSITION OF THE WISCONSIN SYNOD DURING THE FIRST CENTURY OF ITS HISTORY" was the topic which had been assigned to him. One hour each morning on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday was set aside for the reading and the discussion of this timely essay.

Development Explained

Prof. Lehninger began by setting forth the sense in which we of the Wisconsin Synod use the phrase, "development of the doctrinal position." *Doctrine does not change!* It is set down by God in His Word, given through the apostles and prophets, Eph. 2, 20. Nothing was further from the minds of our fathers than that they would *develop* the doctrines already clearly stated in the inspired Scriptures.

This must be stated in explanation of the phrase used in the theme, since church bodies and religious movements, past and present, are known to employ this same term in a manner which violates the sanctity of the Bible. The Reformed Church declares that the Holy Ghost operates in men's hearts not only through the Word of God, but also apart from it and with a direct approach to the heart. In the Roman Catholic Church the pope has set himself up as an authority above the Scriptures. Finally, the rationalists among the theologians insist that the teachings of Scripture are not fixed and unalterable doctrines, but that a doctrine develops in the course of history as students of the Bible find it necessary to add new principles and viewpoints of their own.

The essayist emphatically stated that we mean nothing of the kind when we use the word "development." We employ the word in order to show how, when a new error arises in the Church concerning a doc-

trine of Scripture, the Church studies such a doctrine in the Bible with special care in order that God's teaching may become clearer. Thus we arrive, not at a development of the doctrine itself, but at a development in our understanding and presentation of the true doctrine.

Why A Wisconsin Synod?

The second part of the essay treats of **THE REASON FOR A SEPARATE SYNOD OF WISCONSIN**. Two Lutheran synods were already represented in the State: the Buffalo Synod and the Missouri Synod. These synods championed strictness of doctrine and practice. Why did the founders of our Synod not join one of these two bodies?



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Our founding fathers came from the Evangelical Church in Germany, a union of Lutheran and Reformed churches. When they came to this country, they were to serve members of both these churches and were looked upon with suspicion by Buffalo and Missouri. On the other hand, the founders of our Synod considered the pastors of the two other synods narrow-minded, especially because the Buffalo Synod taught the superiority of the Synod and of the clergy over the individual members of the congregations. Which of the two groups was correct?

The essayist suggested that we proceed in the spirit of trying to learn from their example and profit by their mistakes. Today we would uphold the criticism against the fathers of our Synod. If, however, the pastors of the Buffalo and the Missouri Synods had treated the pioneers of our Synod as weak brethren,

instead of hurling ugly denunciations at them, the weak might have accepted instruction from the strong. Then, too, a bitter controversy set in between Buffalo and Missouri, making it difficult for our men to decide which body they would join, for both groups looked down upon our founding fathers. Thus it came about that a separate synod, our Wisconsin Synod, was founded in 1848.

New Leaders

By the grace of God, there arrived from Germany during the first ten years a number of men, who, having joined our Synod, began to establish a firmer confessional stand. Here the essayist listed some names which are still known among us at the close of

tion, as a result of which the Ohio and the Norwegian Synods severed their relations with the Conference. Here again, our Synod, together with Missouri and Minnesota, developed new doctrines, but there did develop a clearer doctrinal stand as a result of the clarification of these Scriptural doctrines.

Doctrinal Discussions With Missouri Synod

In the closing part of his essay, Prof. Lehninger touched upon the latest doctrinal discussions of our Synod with the sister Synod of Missouri regarding the correct application of the doctrines concerning the Church and the Ministry. He stated that we are humbly thankful for the development of our doctrinal position concerning these doctrines, since through this controversy we were granted a new evaluation of the spiritual priesthood of all believers, who, as the elect Church of God, in the liberty which Christ bought for us with His blood, receive and dispose of the gifts of their God, pastors, teachers, missionaries, etc., in a way best suited to the needs of His kingdom in their own midst.

THE WORK OF THE CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

The first session of the Convention opened at 1:30 P. M. on Wednesday with a devotion conducted by Pastor Arthur F. Halboth. The Synod elected President Karl Krauss as chaplain for the morning sessions, and Pastor A. Laper for the afternoon sessions.

Report of Building Fund Committee

The first report submitted to this Convention was that of the Building Fund Committee. Since this matter is of greatest importance at this time, we shall bring a few details for our readers. The Wisconsin Synod Building Fund Collection was inaugurated at a special Convention in 1945. By July, 1947, this Fund had received a total of \$1,047,131.02. Of this amount, 40% was to be appropriated to the Church Extension Fund, and 60% to new buildings for our institutions.

Two years ago, the Synod resolved, "Because of the increase in building cost in both projects (Institutional and Church Extension) the Wisconsin

the first century of the Synod's history, such as Bading, Koehler, Sprengling, Gausewitz, and Hoenecke. At the convention of 1867, the Synod finally pledged itself unequivocally to the Lutheran confessions and declared that every union without regard to doctrinal differences is wrong and sinful. This was the development in the doctrinal stand of the Synod regarding unionistic practice.

Founding of Synodical Conference

In 1872 was founded the Ev. Luth. Synodical Conference of North America at St. John's Church, Milwaukee, a charter member of the Wisconsin Synod. In this Conference we find united the synods of Missouri, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, and the Norwegian Synod. At this point in his essay, Prof. Lehninger recited the history of a great controversy within the Synodical Conference regarding the doctrines of conversion and elec-

sin Synod Building Fund is to be continued as the Centennial Collection to raise an additional \$1,000,000.00."

We shall now quote from the report of President Paul G. Albrecht, chairman of the Centennial Collection Fund: "If the intention of this resolution was to raise the additional one million dollars during the biennium which began July 1, 1947, then we



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have failed by one half that amount." He then mentioned various reasons for this failure, one being that many were of the opinion that they had until the end of the Centennial year of 1950 to complete the Collection. "These are explanations, but they do not excuse or justify our failure. Our love for the Savior, the great need at our educational institutions and our missions, and our gratitude for past blessings should have made



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our hearts willing quickly and gladly to bring our offerings as the Lord had need of them. Let us, therefore, not cast about elsewhere for explanations, but let us search our own hearts."

How Does Our Collection Stand?

Thereupon Pastor Albrecht gave us the picture as of today. "The amount

actually sent in is about \$450,000. With amounts reported collected but not sent in, the total would be near the one half million dollar mark. Of the 821 congregations in our Synod, 196 have sent in the required mini-



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Editor

mum or more. 137 congregations have to date sent in nothing."

A short while ago, a questionnaire was sent to 584 pastors and congregations which were considerably in arrears. 459 replied. 62 reported the Collection 100% complete. 208 hoped to do the same by June, 1950. 131 stated it would be completed 75% before June, 1950. 52 stated, in their opinion less than 75% would be forthcoming. Four stated they could do little or nothing. "We do not know," said the chairman, "into which category to place the 125 congregations whose pastors ventured no opinion."

His report closes as follows, "We are not blind to the fact that there are still some very dark spots in the



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Associate

Synod as far as the Collection is concerned. But it is our considered opinion that the over-all picture justifies the confidence that the Collection will be brought to a successful conclusion during 1950. Blessed

Savior whom we serve, let us soon see the joy of a task, begun in Thy name, finished to Thy glory."

Money On Hand for Building

There is on hand now for building projects at our institutions the sum of \$1,130,000.00, which will be increased to a total of \$1,457,000.00



PASTOR E. SCHALLER
Associate

when and if the Collection has been completed. It is known to us all that the Synod in 1945 resolved not to begin any building projects until enough money is at hand to satisfy the needs of every institution. For the past two years many members of the Synod have urged that it would be a great aid to our Collection if this resolution were rescinded. At this Centennial Convention a committee on building projects brought in a report and the Convention resolved:



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Associate

1. to rescind the restraining resolutions of 1945 and 1947;
2. to begin building operations at New Ulm and Watertown;
3. that the other institutions begin building as soon as the money is available;
4. that we reaffirm the Synod's resolution to make no debts in connection with the building program;
5. that we suggest to complete the Collection by May, 1950.

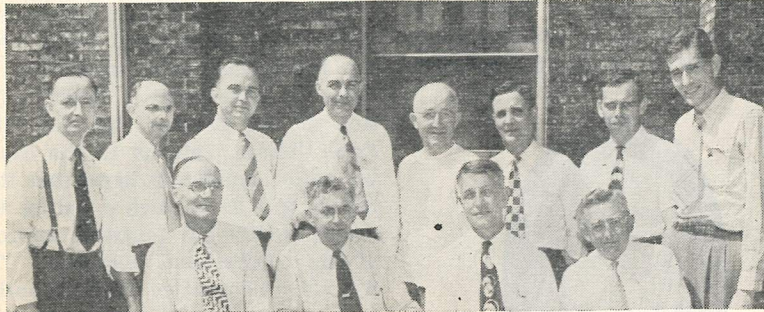
MISSIONS

Pastor Wm. Roepke, chairman of the Mission Board, reported that our mission work extends into 15 States, Canada, and Europe. There are 239 missions, 155 missionaries and 17 vacancies. 13 missions became self-supporting, and 25 are new missions.

Reason for the Shortage of Workers

The vacancies in the mission fields together with those in our Synod at large constitute one of our major

20,000 souls, most of these being refugees from our former missions in Poland. These wretched people were expelled from their homes and forced to leave the country with only such belongings as they were able to carry with them on their backs. Many perished on the way. The rest, having reached Germany, were quartered with the inhabitants of cities and villages in that country who were already living in crowded quarters as a result of the bombardments.



MISSION BOARD

Seated, left to right: Pastors A. Maas, W. Roepke, W. Pankow, E. Blakewell
 Standing, left to right: Pastors H. Engel, C. Gurgel, H. Fritze, W. Meier,
 G. Press, J. Mahnke, V. Tiefel

problems. Pastor C. Frey was asked to present a study he has made of this manpower shortage. He called this situation a case of emergency, since we have some 25 to 30 vacancies which cannot be filled. In his estimation, 150 graduates from our Seminary are required during the next 12 years for replacement in the regular present fields. Reasons for this shortage are that mission fields have increased much faster than the number of men graduated, that every 10,000 communicants are only producing one minister per year, and that able missionaries are being shifted from mission congregations to other work in the Church. Among the solutions for this problem which Pastor Frey suggests are the following: that we get more students to study for the ministry; that we consolidate mission fields wherever that is possible; that we avoid placing mission churches too close together.

Our Refugee Mission

A mission field which also confronts our Synod with problems but at the same time offers us exceptional opportunities for spreading the Gospel is that of our Refugee Mission in Germany, which has grown to over

Pastor A. Maas, Executive Secretary of the Refugee Mission, reported a great need for more pastors, for parsonages and chapels. The committee has under discussion several plans for providing more pastoral service. It may try to obtain students from the Seminary at Ober-Ursel. Another plan under consideration is to send over two pastors from here, making one of them the resident director of the Refugee Mission.

The General Mission Board has granted \$16,000 for the construction of the most necessary chapels and parsonages, but until conditions become stabilized building is being avoided wherever possible.

Perhaps there are many members in our Synod who could be of great service to this mission by providing its people with German hymnals, of which there is still a great scarcity. All who have German hymnals which they can spare are kindly requested to send them at once to our Northwestern Publishing House at Milwaukee for transmission to Germany.

Apache Indian Mission

Pastor H. L. Engel submitted the report for the Apache Mission. The hearts of many, both missionaries and

Indians, will rejoice over the news that the ramshackle school buildings at East Fork will be replaced by a new two-story school in the near future. The Convention voted the sum of \$79,000.00 for the erection of this building, which will house over 160 children when it is completed. A ninth grade was added during the past year, and in fall the tenth grade is to be introduced. A young Apache, William Rogers, is attending Dr. Martin Luther College in order to become a Christian Day School teacher among his people. 385 Apache children are at present attending our mission schools on the Apache Reservation.

Two of our missionaries are celebrating anniversaries of their own during this Centennial year. Pastor Ernest H. Sprengeler is rounding out 20 years of service in the Indian Mission, and one of our veteran pastors, the Rev. F. Uplegger, who is the Superintendent of the entire field, is observing the thirtieth anniversary of his arrival among the Apaches. We join the Commission in praying that "our gracious Savior, to whom all things are known, and in whose service this life is being spent, may grant our aging superintendent wisdom and strength during the remainder of time allotted to him."

Synodical Institutions

The Seminary

We shall cull only the most important items out of the reports of the various boards of our institutions. The Seminary at Thiensville rejoices over a new chapel organ, an altar table with a missal stand, and a lectern, which were made available through a special gift to the Chapel Fund. By a resolution of the Synod the sixth professorship was made permanent.

Northwestern College

Now that Northwestern College has been granted permission to begin the erection of its new building, we can expect considerable activity and planning at this institution. In fact, the plans for the new building had been completed for some time; now the bids on the project will have to be called in. The college has acquired title to the cemetery plot east of the present grounds. This new acquisition will play a role in planning the location of the new building.

Our Normal School

The Board of Dr. Martin Luther College has in its hands both the plans and the bids for the new girls' dormitory which is to be erected in the College Park overlooking the city of New Ulm. This institution has also been granted a fifteenth professorship.

Michigan Seminary

Prof. O. Hoenecke, who has served as Director of Michigan Lutheran Seminary since its opening 39 years ago, has reached a venerable age and requested to be relieved of his directorship. A new residence had to be bought in order to provide a home for Prof. L. Spaude. The school had an enrollment of 142 students.

Northwestern Academy

The outstanding event of the year at Northwestern Lutheran Academy was the dedication of the sorely needed new girls' dormitory on Sunday, April 24. Another celebration followed soon thereafter, when the girls who had been housed in the second stories of two professors' residences were permitted to move into their new quarters at the dormitory. The board has also found a matron for the dormitory in the person of Miss Ethel Giziewski.

Board of Education, Wisconsin Synod

Mr. Emil Trettin, the newly elected Executive Secretary of the Board, submitted his first report at this convention. Seven new schools were opened last September and seven other congregations, who send their children to neighboring schools and help to support these schools, are credited with a school. The Synod now has a total of 198 schools and 423 classes, taught by 207 male and 216 women teachers. The number of vacancies has been reduced to thirteen.

The Kindergarten material for Sunday Schools has been prepared but cannot be published this year, because the Committee has not been able to find suitable pictures. It is hoped that the leaflets will be on the market by the fall of 1950.

The Committee for the revision of the Gausewitz Catechism is making steady progress. The Synod has granted a special allowance of \$300

in order that the material may appear as a supplement to the School Bulletin. Pastors and teachers are earnestly requested to study the revised form and send their comments to Dr. Henry Koch, chairman of the Revision Committee.

According to the Annual, the District Boards of Education are listed under various names. The convention suggested that a uniform name be adopted, Board of Education, followed by the name of the District.

After the completion of this report, the convention paid its respects to the memory of the former Executive Secretary, Mr. F. W. Meyer, by rising.



PROF. O. J. R. HOENECKE, at the age of 78, resigned his position as Director of Michigan Lutheran Seminary which he held since 1910

Church Union

The gravest matters which the Convention had to ponder and decide on were those presented to it by the Church Union Committee through its Secretary, Prof. E. Reim. These matters have to do with three topics: Scouting in the Lutheran Church, The Breslau-Saxon Union, and Intersynodical Relations. Since our readers have been kept informed of the chief issues under these headings by Prof. Reim in previous numbers of the *Northwestern Lutheran*, we shall merely bring them up to date and relate whatever action the Convention took in regard to them.

Scouting

A new committee consisting of three members from each of the two synods has had two meetings, one in March, the other in May. The entire subject of Scouting is being studied anew by this committee. In its first meeting the procedure was mapped out according to which the study was

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to be carried on. At the second conference the Missouri contingent of the committee heard the Wisconsin position on the basis of a condensed statement read by Prof. Reim. Our representatives were very favorably impressed by what seemed to be a sincere effort on the part of the Missouri members to understand our Wisconsin position. They cannot, of course, at this time predict the outcome of these discussions.

Breslau-Saxon Union

When our committee, which is at present in Germany to confer with the theologians who wrote the Articles of Agreement, a joint confession of the Breslau and the Saxon Free Church, returns to the States, we quite confidently hope that their report will be of such a nature that it will justify our tentative approval of the confessional document. The Synodical Committee has been authorized to declare officially at that time that the joint confessional statement of the two Free Churches meets with our approval, which will be the first step toward a final declaration by all Synods in the Synodical Conference approving the union of the Breslau-Saxon Free Church.

Intersynodical Relations

For the time being we can only report that the Convention adopted a resolution to address the sister Synod of Missouri in matters pertaining to church union. Our President was instructed to transmit a letter dealing with this issue to the President of the Missouri Synod.

This brings us to the end of our report, although much could be added about the various details of the discussions at our Centennial Convention. Unfortunately some very important reports of committees could not be given consideration because of lack of time. Some were tabled, others were returned to committees for further study. Over one fact the Convention had reason to be elated: all elections were completed by Saturday forenoon. The results of the elections were as follows: President: Rev. John Brenner; first vice-president: Rev. A. Voss; second vice-president: Rev. I. Habbeck; Executive chairman, Board of Trustees: Rev. Arthur Voss; Seminary Board: Rev. Wm. Sauer; Northwestern College Board: Mr. H. Schumann and Mr. W.

Manthey; Dr. Martin Luther College Board: Mr. Wm. Stelljes; Michigan Lutheran Seminary Board: Mr. F. Muehlenbeck; Northwestern Lutheran Academy Board: Rev. G. Ehlert; Secretary: Prof. W. Schaller; Essay Recorder: Prof. R. Fenske; Statistician: Prof. E. Tacke; Board of Trustees: Rev. W. Sprengeler; Board of Education: Rev. G. Hoenecke, Prof. C. Schweppe; Board of Support: Teacher Wm. Hellermann, Mr. Carl Pingel; Home for the Aged: Rev L. F. Brandes, Mr. E. Borgschatz. By a special resolution of the Synod, Mr. F. H. Retzlaff was appointed honorary lifelong member of the Dr. Martin Luther College Board.

Now may the Lord our God for Jesus' sake graciously forgive us all our many sins and shortcomings and let His Word be our Beacon and Refuge, as our Synod, beset by dangers from within and without, enters into its second century, in order that His Name may ever remain holy among us, and the Truth of the Gospel continue victorious against all foes. Amen.

ADALBERT SCHALLER.

Biennial Report Of The President

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labors do not produce a crop. The life is in the seed; and God put it there. The harvest is His gift to men. Similarly the Lord provides the living seed that produces the spiritual harvest we are to gather. This seed is the Word of God. Peter calls it the incorruptible seed by which men are born again, the seed "which liveth and abideth for ever." Paul says: "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

We are not more than God's husbandmen and can add nothing to the effectiveness of the Word. Any attempt to do this can only obstruct the power of the Word. Paul confesses this: "Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, *even as the Lord gave to every man*. I have planted, Apollos watered; but *God gave the increase*."

This truth is impressed on our minds more deeply and other thoughts are added by the words of the Lord: "I sent you to reap that

whereon ye bestowed no labor: others have labored, and ye are entered into their labors."

As we begin the observance of the Centennial Year of our Synod, it is only natural that our attention centers in the details of its history. To understand this rightly, we must, however, see it against the background of the story of the entire harvest. This began immediately after the fall of man, and it will end on the Last Day. It is planned, and the Lord is at its head; His hand ever guides its affairs. In His wisdom He raises up men, and some of these have been very lonely men, and forms groups to serve in a particular manner not only their own generation, but those as well who are to follow them in the years to come. For two thousand years Israel was the bearer of the Promise. After the heroes of the faith and the prophets of old, we have John the Baptist, the apostles of the Lord, many church fathers, and our Dr. Martin Luther. Think of the many who battled for the truth without fear, not a few of them sealing their confession with their blood. And then there are the rich contributions to the common cause made by many writers, preachers, teachers, and missionaries.

Thus the fathers of our Synod, too, labored and fought, and we "*are entered into their labors*." They sowed, and we are reaping as we are in our hearts, homes, class rooms, and churches, enjoying the blessings of the unadulterated Word of God they have handed down to us. The saying is fulfilled: "One soweth, and another reapeth."

"*I sent you*" — this the Lord says to every believer personally, but it applies as well to our Synod. The Lord who founded it and has prospered it to this day has given it a place in the economy of His harvest. We have a duty to our own generation and to posterity, to the distant as well as to the immediate. What place He has assigned us, we do not know. The future is hidden from us, for the Lord does not disclose His plans to us, but our duty is clear, very clear: We are to sow, to preach and teach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is quiet work that does not intrigue the natural mind, work which the world will never understand nor applaud: but it is a sacred and most important task, for

by it the harvest of our Lord is furthered.

The burning zeal which we see in the Lord as we read the story of the woman at Jacob's well should make us strong to overcome all selfishness, indolence, and neglectfulness, and to do our God-given task with ardor and devotion.

But, let us remember, we are to sow good seed, not tares. The sowing of tares is the work of the enemy who hates the Lord and His harvest. We dare not tolerate that false doctrine be taught in our Synod, nor can we work in fellowship with errorists.

If the apostles had permitted the council to silence them, or had yielded to the pressure of the heresies they had to combat; if Athanasius had, in order to gain security and ease, entered into a compromise with Arius; if Luther had recanted to be at peace with Rome, or had grasped the hand of fellowship extended to him by Zwingli in order to unite protestants for the battle against the pope; if our fathers had not found the spiritual courage to sever their relations with unionistic church bodies of Germany, and under the circumstances it was by no means easy to do this: would we count them obedient servants of the Lord that sent them to be faithful laborers in His harvest?

When we expose and rebuke error, and separate ourselves from it, we are doing effective sowing of the Word and proving our love for the Lord and for His harvest. May He ever grant our Synod true faithfulness to His Word.

"*He that reapeth receiveth wages*." This promise of our Lord should dispel the fear that so often steals over our heart and the worry that embitters our souls. It should give us courage to carry on under all circumstances. But we must not misunderstand Him. To some laborers, as at some times, He grants the joy of seeing abundant fruits, but not to all, and not always.

Faithfulness to the true mission of the Church has not the promise of immediate success and visible blessings. It may, on the contrary, bring losses, bitter conflicts, and fiery trials. We all know the plaint of the faithful Elijah: "I, I only, am left: and they seek my life to take it away." We have seen the ministry of the Baptist end in imprisonment and

death. Of the "father of Orthodoxy" it was said "Athanasius against the world, and the world against Athanasius," and he spent years in flight from those who sought his life. Luther's days were restless days, filled with conflict.

But this promise assures everyone who sows in obedience to the Lord that his efforts are never in vain and that his labor is never lost. He may never see it here on earth, but he has done his part in the divine plan for the consummation of the great harvest. He will receive a full and satisfying reward on the day when the Son of Man will come to judge the quick and the dead, "and shall send His angels with a great sound of trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." "He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that

soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together."

And now, a final thought. We will rejoice together in heaven. But we do not have to wait till we meet there in order to share each other's happiness and to walk with each other in true brotherly love. The very work in which we are engaged should unite us closely. In it there is no room for selfishness, pride, or personal ambition, and, therefore, no cause for envyings and jealousies. John the Baptist shows the right spirit when he says: "He must increase; I must decrease," humble self-effacement, single-minded devotion to his task, faithfulness to his Lord.

May the Lord grant us to work together in this spirit at this convention, constantly mindful of His call: "I sent you." Wisconsin Synod, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season."

Sixth Professorship At The Seminary

ABOUT six years ago our Seminary was confronted with a difficult situation. In rapid succession the faculty had lost three of its members. In the summer of 1939 Prof. Zich died, to be followed in death only a few months later by Prof. Brenner. Then Prof. Pieper suffered a thigh fracture, from which he never recovered sufficiently to resume his lectures. The men who were called to fill the vacancies were new either to the environment or to both the work and the environment. They carried their own teaching load well, but could not be expected to take over extra subjects in case of an emergency.

The other two members of the faculty had reached the age of 70, concerning which Moses says: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten" (Ps. 90). The Synod took the situation under advisement and adopted the following resolution: "That, due to the advanced age of two of the faculty members at the Seminary, the Board and the Faculty be instructed to study the question of a substitute professor, and that the General Synodical Committee be empowered to authorize the calling of such a professor if the findings so advise" (Report, 1943, p. 37).

At the next convention of the Synod (1945) the Board reported that in compliance with the former resolution and on the basis of the findings of the Board and the Faculty, authorized by a resolution of the General Synodical Committee, they had called and installed a man "as sixth professor." Thus since that time we had five professorships at the Seminary with a sixth professor working himself into certain subjects that were assigned to him, in order that, if the Lord should take one of the older men out, the work might continue without too great a jar, and that presumably for a good many years to come.

Now the arrangement of having six professors has, at the request of the Board, been made permanent by action of the Synod. At the time when the sixth man was called there was no intention of increasing the number of professors permanently. Why the change now?

The fact that we had six teachers gave us the opportunity to try out new arrangements of the courses of studies, something we could not do when only five men had to take care of all the work. A brief review of the results will be of interest to the members of our Synod.

For our present purpose we may group the various courses that are offered at the Seminary into four classes.

First I shall mention the study of preparing sermons (and also of preparing lessons for catechumen instruction). When students are to make a sermon the first thing necessary is that they understand the text correctly. They are to preach the Word of God. They must know what God is telling us in a given text. Then they must organize the material which a text contains, find the main thought with its principal parts and the different approaches to it. They must make an outline. Finally they must write out the sermon, and deliver it in the classroom. At every stage of the preparation consultation with the professor becomes necessary, which at times may require an hour or more at each sitting. You can readily see how much time of the professor will be consumed even if he has only a small class. If the class exceeds a certain number it would become impossible to give each student more than one chance during the entire year. To obviate this difficulty the class must be divided.

In the second place I would mention a study which is called Exegesis. Some book of the Bible, both of the Old and of the New Testament, is carefully read and studied according to the original Greek or Hebrew text. It is important that every student receive a chance to report on this work as often as possible. But when classes are too large, so that his turn comes up only once in a month, or even less, this does not produce the best results. With six professors we were able to separate the classes, and thus to do more efficient work.

In the third place I mention subjects in which a certain sequence should be observed. Think of history. You cannot well begin somewhere in the middle, the student not knowing the developments that have gone before, and then in a later year take up the preceding events. This plan had to be followed in former years. Now we have separated the three classes so that every student begins at the beginning and follows through to modern times. — Also the introduction to the several books of the Bible demands a similar gradation.

Lastly I mention subjects, Dogmatics for instance, where it makes very little difference, with which

particular doctrine the course is begun, nor whether you lecture to 25 or to 50 students or more. In such subjects we still retain the combined classes and treat the entire subject in alternating courses. Of course, when it comes to correcting written work, it does make a difference whether you have 25 essays to read, or 50.

In the not too distant future our enrollment promises to reach 75 or more. It is a good thing that we now have a faculty of six.

There is another advantage. In all important subjects we now have two men each at work, one in the lower, one in the upper classes; so that if God should take out the one, there still would be the other one left, ready to carry on the work.

Any one who keeps an eye on the trend of the times will realize that the future of the Church does not look very bright. Dangers are lurking from without and from within. Our ministers will have an increasingly difficult stand. It is important that we give them as thorough a training as we are able.

But let us not trust in what we are doing. Let us remember the example of St. Paul. After he had admonished the elders of Ephesus to take heed to themselves and to the flock, because he foresaw the coming of grievous wolves and the arising of perverse men from their own midst, he concluded: "And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among them which are sanctified" (Acts 20, 18-35).

May God bless our sixth professorship to our dear Wisconsin Synod for a strengthening in the faith.

J. P. M.

GENERAL SYNODICAL COMMITTEE
The General Synodical Committee will meet the week of October 16 in the synod's assembly rooms of the Northwestern Publishing House.
JOHN BRENNER.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES
COLORADO DISTRICT CONFERENCE
Place: Platteville, Colo. Time: Monday, Sept. 12, 1:00 P.M.-Wednesday, Sept. 14, 5:00 P.M.
Announce to local pastor Rev. L. Hahnke soon!
Work: Pastor E. C. Kuehl, Exegesis of Phil. 3; N. Luetke, Exegesis of Gal. 3, 16 and 19; I. P. Frey, The Church and The Min-

istry; L. Hahnke, Effective Factors Involved in Pastoral and Missionary Work.

Speaker: R. Unke (W. Siffing).
N. LUETKE, Secretary.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE OF THE NEBRASKA DISTRICT

The Southern Conference of the Nebraska District will meet in delegate session at Aurora, Nebraska, Pastor M. Weishan, on September 26 and 27, 1949. Opening session at 10:00 A.M.

Papers: Conclusion of 10 Commandments, A. Degner; Jonah, Its Message and Application, D. Grummert; Scriptural Position with Reference to Church and Welfare Work, N. Mielke; Augsburg Confession, Article VI, M. Koepsell; Christian Questions, 13-20, J. Ruege; Dangers Threatening the Christian Child in the Public School, A. Habben.

Speaker: M. Koepsell (N. Mielke)
Kindly Announce to the Host Pastor.
W. Schaller, Jr., Secretary.

SOUTHWESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Southwestern Delegate Conference of the Western Wisconsin District will meet on Sunday, August 28, at 2:30 P. M., at Elroy, Wisconsin, A. Dobberstein, pastor.

H. KUCKHAHN, Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Wilson, Minnesota. Gerh. H. Geiger, host pastor.

Time: September 27 to 28; opening session at 9:30 A. M.

- Program:
9:30—9:45 A. M.—Opening devotion.
9:45—10:00 A. M.—Organization of Conference.
10:00—11:00 A. M.—Exegesis, Phil. 1, 12-21, H. Backer.
11:00—11:45 A. M.—Engagement, G. Kionka.
1:30—3:30 P. M.—Review of Prof. Rehwinkel's Book on Communion, by Prof. E. C. Kiessling.
3:50—5:00 P. M.—What is Casuistry and When Applicable to Pastoral Practice, R. Korn.
8:00 P.M.—Communion Service.

September 28:
9:30—9:45 A. M.—Opening devotion.
9:45—10:45 A. M.—Centennial Sermon and Texts, G. Hbrn.

- 10:45—11:45 A. M.—A Serious Devalizing Fallacy, F. Ehlert.
1:30—2:30 P. M.—Ways and Means of Fostering Unity of Doctrine and Practice in our Midst, H. Nommensen.
2:30—3:30 P. M.—Valid Excommunication, H. Muehl.
3:30—4:30 P. M.—Discussion on the A. A. L.
4:30—5:00 P. M.—Casual Questions, Reports, Business, Adjournment.

Speaker: E. Schoenicke. Alternate: J. C. Bast.

Please announce your intended presence or absence to host pastor not later than September 24. Also indicate whether night lodging is desired.

GERH. H. GEIGER, Secretary.

RED WING DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Red Wing Delegate Conference will convene September 13, 1949 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, St. Paul and River Drive, Austin, Minnesota, the Rev. Lester W. Schierenbeck, pastor.

Opening session will begin at 9 A. M. with the observance of the Sacrament of the Altar. Confessional speaker: Karl Gurgel (alternate: Theophil Haar).

Please announce your intended presence or absence to the host pastor in due time.
N. A. REINKE, Secretary.

ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The St. Croix Pastoral Conference will meet at St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Prescott, Wisconsin, E. J. Zehms, pastor, on Tuesday, September 20, 1949, opening with

Holy Communion at 9:30 A. M., G. A. Thiele (F. H. Tabbert) preaching.

F. H. TABBERT, Secretary.

WISCONSIN RIVER VALLEY — CHIPPEWA VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: September 20 to 21, 1949.
Place: Immanuel Church, Mosinee, Wisconsin, Lyle J. Koenig, pastor.

Speaker: T. P. Bradtke (A. J. Engel).
Topics: R. Gurgel, Exegesis of Hosea; O. Lemke, Epistle of James; E. Becker, Exegesis of Amos; T. Bradtke, Seven Letters from Revelation; D. Kuehl, Angelophany and Theophany; L. Lambrecht, Millennium; H. Pankow, Engagements in the Light of Scripture; E. Kionka, Dangers of Indifference in Pastoral Practice; E. Becker, Report on Alcoholics Anonymous.

Pastors wishing to stay overnight please announce with the host pastor, Lyle J. Koenig, 1236 8th Ave. S., Wausau, Wisconsin.

D. H. KUEHL, Secretary.

FOX RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

The Fox River Valley Pastoral-Delegate Conference will meet on Wednesday, September 14, at St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Sturgeon Bay. The host pastor is Theo. Baganz. The conference will begin at 9 A. M., with a Holy Communion service. Pastor M. Croll will deliver a paper on the theme: "At Whose Burial May a Lutheran Pastor Officiate?" Reports will also be made by the delegates who attended the biennial convention of the Synod. Conferencees are to furnish their own meals.

DELMAR C. BRICK, Secretary.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT (Fall Session)

Place: Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Zillah, Washington, Arthur Sydow, pastor.

Time: September 20-22, noon to noon.

Program: Homiletical study of Matt. 6, 19-23, G. Sydow; Old Testament Exegesis, Amos 5, 1f., E. Kirst; New Testament Exegesis, 1 John 2, 18f., W. Lueckel; Study of the Majority and Minority Reports of the Synodical Conference Committee on the Doctrine of the Church, F. Tiefel; Report of the Delegates to the Convention of the Joint Synod, E. Zimmermann and V. Greve; Mission Board Report, T. Adascheck.

Chairman: E. Schulz.
Preacher: Wm. Zell (T. Adascheck).
Sermon text: Romans 8, 1-11.
Critic: E. Kirst.

WILLIAM G. ZELL.

SOUTHEASTERN PASTOR-TEACHER DELEGATE CONFERENCE OF THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT

The Southeastern Pastor-Teacher Delegate Conference of the Michigan District meets at Monroe, Michigan, September 20 to 21.

The program includes an isagogical treatise on Hosea by A. Tiefel; a review of Prof. Beck's book "Lutheran Elementary Schools in the U. S.," by W. Arras; a practical lesson by G. Felsch.

Sermon, F. Zimmermann. Confessional, C. Kipfmiller.
Announce to Rev. S. Westendorf, 18 W. 2nd Street, Monroe, Michigan.

W. KOELPIN, Secretary.

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

(Authorized by the Proper Officials)

Ordained and Installed

Pastors

Bernthal, Leonard, in the Orofino Mission, Orofino, Idaho, and in St. John's Church, Clarkston, Washington, by Fred C. Tiefel; assisted by Leland Grams and M. J. Witt; Fifth Sunday after Trinity, July 17, 1949.

Westendorf, John A., in Memorial Lutheran Church, Williamston, Michigan, by A. F. Westendorf; Sixth Sunday after Trinity, July 24, 1949.

Kruschel, Herbert, in St. John's Church, Firth, Nebraska, by S. Kugler; assisted by L. Grundemann, R. Bittorf, and M. Koepsell; Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 31, 1949.

Lindloff, Norman W., in Peace Church, Isabel, South Dakota, and in St. Paul's Church, Timber Lake, South Dakota, by Wm. Lindloff; assisted by Carl H. Mischke; Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 31, 1949.

Installed

Eckert, Harold H., in St. Jacobi Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, by Otto J. Eckert; assisted by E. Reim, S. Hillmer, and L. Koeninger; Eighth Sunday after Trinity, August 7, 1949.

Installed

Teachers

Dorn, Orlan, in St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, East Bloomfield, Fremont, Wisconsin, R. R. 2, by H. Marcus Schwartz; Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 31, 1949.

Heckmann, G. H., as principal and teacher of St. Peter's Lutheran Day School, Collins, Wisconsin, by Victor J. Weyland; Eighth Sunday after Trinity, August 7, 1949.

Schwartz, Paul G., as principal and teacher of Peace Lutheran Day School, Green Lake, Wisconsin, by Clayton E. Krug; Eighth Sunday after Trinity, August 7, 1949.

Schultz, F. W., Jr., as teacher of Trinity Lutheran School, Tp. Raymond, Racine Co., Wisconsin, by H. E. Rusow; Eighth Sunday after Trinity, August 7, 1949.

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Krug, Clayton E., Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Kruschel, Herbert, Firth, R. 1, Nebraska.

Lindloff, Norman, Isabel, South Dakota.

Westendorf, John A., 503 Middle Street, Williamston, Michigan.

Teacher

Heckmann, G. H., Chilton, R. 4, Wisconsin.

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Thiensville, Wisconsin

On Tuesday, September 13, the new school year of the Theological Seminary will be opened with a special service to be held in the Seminary Chapel, beginning at 10:00 A.M.

All friends of our institution are herewith cordially invited to attend.

JOHN P. MEYER, President.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE
New Ulm, Minnesota

The new school year at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, will begin on Wednesday morning, September 7, at 8:30. All students residing in dormitories should, if possible, arrive on the day before.

CARL L. SCHWEPPE.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN SEMINARY
Saginaw, Michigan

The 40th school year at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan, is to begin on Wednesday, September 7. Dormitory students, both girls and boys, are to arrive on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

OTTO J. R. HOENECKE,
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NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN ACADEMY
Mobridge, South Dakota

Our new school year will begin with an opening service at 2 P.M., Tuesday, Sept. 6.

R. A. FENSKE.

WINNEBAGO LUTHERAN ACADEMY
Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

The twenty-fifth school year at Winnebago Lutheran Academy, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, will begin September 6 at 9 A. M. In the opening service the new science teacher, Professor Eldor Hasche, will be installed. New students will register after the service. Friends of the Academy are

cordially invited to attend this opening service, which will be held in the auditorium of St. Peter's Lutheran School.

WINFRED SCHALLER, Principal.

MISSION FESTIVALS

Pentecost

Immanuel Church, Ward, South Dakota. Offering: \$256.00. Wm. Lindloff, pastor.

Trinity Sunday

Peace Church, Echo, Minnesota. Offering: \$327.39. Theo. Bauer, pastor. St. Matthew's Church, Tp. Flora, Renville Co., Minnesota. Offering: \$184.45. O. K. Netzke, pastor.

First Sunday after Trinity

Trinity Church, Elkton, South Dakota. Offering: \$183.50. Wm. Lindloff, pastor. Bethany Church, Tp. Emmet, Renville Co., Minnesota. Offering: \$174.07. O. K. Netzke, pastor.

Second Sunday after Trinity

St. John's Church, Arcadia, Wisconsin. Offering: \$100.76. H. Henke, pastor. Cross Church, Rockford, Minnesota. Offering: \$704.52. T. E. Kock, pastor. Our Savior's Church, Jamestown, North Dakota.

Offering: \$518.00. O. W. Heier, pastor. St. Peter's Church, Tp. Winchester, Wisconsin. Offering: \$153.50. Armin Engel, pastor.

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

St. John's Church, Tp. Caledonia, Wisconsin. Offering: \$190.85. Armin Engel, pastor. Zion Church, Readfield, Wisconsin. Offering: \$630.89. Armin Engel, pastor.

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

St. John's Church, Town Washington, Wisconsin. Offering: \$409.00. Herman F. Kuckhahn.

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Immanuel Church, Globe, Clark Co., Wisconsin. Offering: \$269.77. Adolph Schumann, pastor.

MEMORIAL WREATH

The Seminary Library acknowledges with sincere thanks a Memorial Wreath of \$5.00 from Pastor A. F. Halboth in memory of Mrs. Albert Wank.

ADALBERT SCHALLER, Librarian.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT
July 1, 1949 to July 30, 1949

Receipts

Cash Balance July 1, 1949.....	\$ 22,385.53
Budgetary Collections	\$ 44,843.34
Revenues	5,154.26
Total Budgetary Collections and Revenues	\$ 49,997.60
Non-Budgetary Receipts:	
U. S. Government Bonds Sold....	100,000.00
Total Receipts	\$149,997.60
	\$172,383.13

Disbursements

Budgetary Disbursements:	
General Administration	\$ 8,657.63
Theological Seminary	2,703.96
Northwestern College	10,030.06
Dr. Martin Luther College.....	7,625.85
Michigan Lutheran Seminary....	9,552.94
Northwestern Luth. Academy....	2,919.91
Home for the Aged.....	1,353.16
Indian Mission	4,952.63
Home Missions	30,864.76
Refugee Mission	1,389.16
Madison Student Mission	181.60
Spiritual Welfare Commission	323.34

General Support	5,248.00
School Supervision	437.30
Total Budgetary Disbursements....	\$ 86,240.30
Cash Balance July 30, 1949.....	\$ 86,142.83

C. J. NIEDFELDT, Treasurer.

DONATIONS SENT DIRECTLY TO TREASURER'S OFFICE

For July, 1949

For Missions

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Charles Hermann, given by relatives, friends and members of congregation	\$ 25.00
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For Spiritual Welfare Commission

Carl J. Grief	\$ 1.00
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For Church Extension

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Charles Hermann, given by Martha T. Dorn and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dorn	\$ 2.00
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For Wisconsin Synod Building Fund

Memorial Wreath in memory of Mrs. Dorothea Braun, given by Mr. and Mrs. W. Meyer, Ironwood, Michigan	\$ 5.00
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Memorial Wreath in memory of Miss Carrie Braun, given by John Horlamus, Madison, Wis. From S/Sgt. and Mrs. L. Braun, Denver, Colorado	\$ 1.00
Memorial Wreath in memory of Prof. Schmeling, given by Mrs. Frank Kellert	\$ 2.00
Memorial Wreath in memory of Walter E. Jeske, given by Mr. and Mrs. Spandan, Rev. and Mrs. E. Tacke, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Tacke	\$ 9.00
Gift (No Name)	\$ 150.00

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January, February, March, 1949

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