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As We See It

The Practical Problems

BY PROFESSOR E. REIM

IN our last issue we discussed the status of the Common Confession," comparing the present situation with that of a year ago. That lay in the field of doctrine. This article aims at a review of the practical problems which bear on the mutual relations of our synods of the Synodical Conference, particularly between Missouri and Wisconsin. And again we want to go back to the position taken by our Joint Synod Convention of 1951 at New Ulm.

Let us begin with the ancient issue of Scouting. At New Ulm we had before us the completely adverse and unyielding resolution which constituted Missouri's reply to our earlier communications. No final action was taken by our Convention because the Synodical Conference had "put this matter into the hands of a new committee." But we were very insistent "that the final report of this committee of the Synodical Conference be heard and acted upon at the next convention of that body."

That convention is now but a few weeks off. The committee has completed its work, and its report is well on its way to press. What the Synodical Conference will do with it remains to be seen. But it is significant that the "Report to the Districts" recently submitted by the Standing Committee on Church Union states that concerning the work of this new committee "it can be reported that its discussions have brought us no nearer to a solution of the problem."

It is clear that whatever hopes anyone may have pinned to the work of this committee have failed to materialize. The coming convention is the only remaining court of appeal. And let it be remembered that the Synodical Conference is "only an advisory body."

Other practical problems affecting our relations with our sister synod involve the issue of unionism. In using this term we are very willing to adopt the definition which is found in the *Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod*, Article 28: "We repudiate unionism,

that is, church-fellowship with the adherents of false doctrine, as disobedience to God's command, as causing divisions in the Church, Rom. 16:17; 2 John 9-10, and as involving the constant danger of losing the Word of God entirely, 2 Tim. 2:17-21."

This clearly Scriptural policy has been the foundation for the sound practice on which our fellowship in the Synodical Conference has been based. None of us has ever been able to attain it perfectly. But all of us understood that we were constantly to be willing to accept inquiry and admonition. This sense of responsibility to each other, this discipline is what has made the fellowship of the Synodical Conference just a bit different from what usually passes under the name of church federation in our day.

It was therefore not only in order, but perfectly in keeping with the declared purpose of the Synodical Conference when a number of incidents which seemed to involve obvious unionism on the part of prominent members of our sister synod were made the subject of a special letter of inquiry (the so-called "Six Questions") by our own 1949 Convention. An official answer was submitted two years later to our New Ulm Convention. It was found, however, that the reply neither met the questions that had been asked nor removed the offense that had been given. The questions therefore still stand.

What has happened since that time? The "Report to the Districts" mentions a joint statement on one of the issues (Lutheran Men in America) which showed the representatives of the four synods of the Synodical Conference to be in substantial agreement concerning this intersynodical laymen's movement. This should be recognized in all fairness. It shows that some of the old Synodical Conference principles still have a good measure of vitality. It points the way by which there can still be a return from the critical position in which our Synodical Conference finds itself.

But against this must be held the picture as it is today. On the one hand we find that most of the old offenses continue unrebuked. On the other, the list of deviations from our previous practice has been growing. A year ago we noted the agreement on communion for service men which was drawn up between representatives of our sister synod and the National Lutheran Council. Since

then Missouri chaplains in Europe have taken the lead in arranging and conducting a joint communion service with other Lutheran chaplains, in spite of the fact that their respective synods are admittedly not in fellowship with each other. The underlying unity which was once considered an indispensable requirement for such a demonstration of religious fellowship is passed over

in favor of the superficial bond of a common name.

Should our Letter of 1949 be rewritten today, it would have to be in stronger terms than we used at that time. Else we would be losing the strength of our own former convictions.

Again we must say that the situation has not improved, but seriously deteriorated.

Editorials

Beware of Boasters Sinful man is by nature proud. And so our old Adam likes to boast. This excludes no one, not even preachers. Paul writes to Timothy that he should beware of preachers who boast. This is a timely warning. So often people are impressed by preachers who boast of the crowds they draw and are easily tempted to follow the crowd. Because of this other members criticize their pastors for losing members. A closer examination of the situation will often reveal that the boasting preachers and the much praised ones very often are unscrupulous in their use of the Word of God. Their aim is to please. So they must by their silence condone sins; they can if need be find it expedient to call wrong right and vice versa. Even lying is for them a handy tool; half truths are their stock in trade. So Paul's warning to Timothy is timely: "This know, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud." Such people will be a constant temptation to the pastor: "I charge thee, therefore, before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word: be instant in season and out (Stick to preaching the full truth!); reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." Why is it that certain members can't take the minister's sermons when the vast majority of the congregation is being edified by these same sermons? The answer must be that they don't want to hear the Truth. Perhaps the sermons are uncovering their hypocrisy! — Certainly not every pastor who has a large church attendance is to be suspicioned, but those who *boast* of such "crowds" and the members who praise their pastors *merely because* he draws the crowds. — We are not to judge the ministers by the crowds they draw, but alone by their faithfulness in the ministry. (1 Cor. 4) The one and only question is whether preachers are heeding God's instructions to them: "Preach the Word . . . watch thou in all things, endure affliction (caused also by those who run away from the truth), make full proof of thy ministry." (2 Tim. 4) — Pray that the Lord will keep your pastor steadfast in His

Word, that he will also practice what he preaches, and insist that the members and the congregation do likewise.
G. W. F.

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The Methods of the Social Gospel The aim of the Church, as set for it by God, is to lead sinners to the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ that they may obtain eternal life through faith in Him and so to furnish them with an incentive for a godly life for the brief period that they live here on earth before entering their real home in heaven. The weapons which Christ has given to His Church for this are summed up in this: Preach the Word, teach and baptize. There are no other means which can do the job. Those are the methods which the apostles employed, casting aside all human props for the upbuilding of the Church. Those were also the methods of Luther, who frankly admitted that whatever good the Reformation accomplished was solely the achievement of the Word of God.

Calvin, another great reformer of the Church, whose influence is still felt in the sectarian churches of our day, did not stop there and did not hesitate to enforce the teachings of the Church by the police power of the state when he and his followers captured political control. A similar spirit animates those who operate with the social gospel, which is the trademark of most of the churches of our day, with this difference that they are decidedly less interested in the doctrines of the Bible, which are considered largely outmoded. Their chief interest is the redemption of society and the establishment of a righteous social order. It is the old fallacy that the Kingdom of God can be visibly established here on earth. Salvation, in their opinion, is to be interpreted not so much in terms of a future life as in terms of this present life, and they are not so much interested in saving the individual as in saving large groups by mass morality forcibly established.

With that philosophy of life it was inevitable that the churches should become entangled in politics. It is felt that the churches would not be living up to their Christian responsibilities if they did not exert their influence to bring about moral legislation. They have labored under the delusion that they would be advancing the Kingdom of God on earth if they took the bottle

away from the drunkard by getting a prohibition law passed, by compelling capital to be fair to labor, making racial discrimination illegal, and improving living conditions by replacing the slums with decent housing. When the League of Nations was established, it was celebrated by the Federal Council of Churches as "an international manifestation of the Kingdom of God."

Social salvation has been substituted for personal salvation, an imaginary Kingdom of God on earth for the spiritual kingdom of God, an outward welfare state for the invisible Church of Christ. The aims have been shifted from those set up in the Bible, and the methods have been changed from preaching the Gospel to the individual to coercion, from regeneration to the providing of the right environment. Even among those who theoretically subscribe to the belief that the Word of God and the Sacrament are the only means of grace, there is an idea that the Kingdom of God will be promoted

by getting Lutherans elected to office and by sending pressure groups to the national capital and the state capital. That is about the only church work that the National Council of Churches knows, and this is being followed in a lesser degree by those who once knew better, because they want to be heard and be in the swim, too, in the councils of the mighty.

Jesus and the apostles did not waste their time and effort on that. They did not think that that belonged to the department of God's Church. Jesus said: "My kingdom is not of this world," "Who made me a judge or divider over you?", "What is a man profited if man shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul?". The one great business of the Church is to save the individual soul with the preaching of the Word, for "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God."

I. P. F.

In The Footsteps Of Saint Paul

DR. HENRY KOCH, MORRISON, WISCONSIN

Onward To Philippi In Macedonia

JUDGING from the brief report of Luke our missionaries did not linger long in Neapolis, the New City with its sheltering harbor. Luke writes (Acts 16:11-12): "And the next day to Neapolis, and from thence to Philippi, which is the chief city of that part of Macedonia, and a colony."

The Egnatian Way

From Neapolis Paul and his companions traveled along the Egnatian Way, which was an important Roman road linking Byzantium in the East with Rome in the West. In the Roman province of Macedonia it connected Dyrrachium on the west coast of Macedonia, once a city of ancient Epirus, with Thessalonica on the Aegean Sea. Roman troops and travelers went on to Byzantium, later on known as the city of Constantine, today as Istanbul. From Dyrrachium westward the Adriatic Sea had to be crossed to reach Brundisium in southern Italy. From there the famous Appian Way led to and ended in Rome as all roads of that time did. Here the apostle set his foot on a Roman road that ultimately led to Rome. The Roman roads started out from Rome and led to the frontiers of the Empire and back again. Military colonies

were the strong fortresses along these roads such as Philippi, of which Luke tells us, that is was a colony. Every Roman colony was a miniature Rome. The citizens of these colonies were often more Roman than the proud inhabitants of the "eternal city." Paul and his com-



panions experienced this in Philippi. Roman military standards and insignia both impressed and awed all within the gates and also the surrounding regions. When we study the farstretched Roman roads, we are so vividly reminded of our vast continental highways, which link the

Atlantic with the Pacific, New York with San Francisco.

Still on Roman Soil

When Paul left Neapolis in Thrace for Macedonia he merely went from one Roman province to the other. We, who are inclined to think in terms of ancient and modern history try to visualize the ancient kingdoms of Thrace and Macedonia. Once Thrace ruled over Macedonia. Then Philip of Macedonia turned the tide. He established and strengthened the kingdom of Macedonia. Then the Romans took over. Today the Tur-

kish Crescent and minarets look down upon both ancient kingdoms. When Paul left Thrace for Macedonia he did not set his foot outside of the Roman Empire. We experience something similar, when we travel from one state of the Union to the other. We become conscious of the

boundaries and the characteristics of the individual states, but we are nevertheless always traveling within our same United States.

Answering the Call from Macedonia

Having left Neapolis our travelers ascended a range, from whose summit they could look back on the Aegean Sea reminding them of the past safe sea voyage. The isle of Thasos could be seen in the distance. On yonder side of the Aegean lay Troas. Now they were setting out on foot to answer the call from Macedonia.

When our missionaries had crossed the summit they beheld before them a vast plain with marshes, fields, and pastures, a truly bucolic scene. As they journeyed on they could discern a summit in the distance. It was the acropolis of Philippi, about ten miles distant from Neapolis. Once a temple of the god of wine and drunken revelry, Bacchus, had crowned it. Then King Philip of Macedonia had erected a formidable fortress on it to ward off the threats of the Thracian mountaineers, from whose strong hands he had wrenched the wide expanses of Macedonia. He named the city after himself. From the bowels of the mountain, on which the city was perched, he had mined the gold to build his Macedonian kingdom and phalanx. His son, the great Alexander, took his father's gathered wealth and his phalanx to conquer the East and to add it to his kingdom. It was he, who let the thought of a united kingdom, of a world empire ripen in the minds of later statesmen and generals. One world ruled by one man, this very thought was taken over by Rome and handed down to our totalitarian forms of modern government.

Paul's First European Convert

On the plains at the foot of the acropolis of Philippi a decisive battle of world history had been fought ninety years before the arrival of Paul in the year 42 B. C. Here shrewd Octavius, the later Caesar Augustus, and sly Antony defeated the defenders of the Roman republic, Brutus and Cassius. The latter had stabbed their daggers into the breast of Caesar in Rome. Caesar was the uncle of Octavius, who had come to avenge the blood and death of his uncle at Philippi. Here the fate of

the Roman republic was sealed. Here both Brutus and Cassius stabbed their daggers into their own breasts in despair. They thought that with them Roman virtue had died. How vain! Here along the banks of the river Gangites, flowing along the city's edge, Augustus erected a triumphal arch to celebrate his greatest victory. Soon Paul would go to the banks of this same river at the accustomed hour of prayer and there win his first European convert, Lydia, the seller of purple. Once Octavius had created the Roman Empire here at Philippi with the power of the sword. Here a greater one than he won a more decisive battle with the sword of the Spirit. Here a republic was buried. Here the Church of Christ came into being on European soil, the greater kingdom of Christ.

One Greater Than Alexander

Luke calls Philippi the chief city of that part of Macedonia. This is not Greek pride on the part of Luke as it has been assumed, but rather historical accuracy telling of the

fourfold division of the province of Macedonia by the Romans. In a higher sense we should like to interpret the chief city as the first stronghold of Christ in Europe and as a beacon light of the Gospel into the night of Gentile superstition, be it ever so refined as in Greece.

From Philippi Alexander had once set out to lay the Eastern barbarian world at the feet of his great master, the Greek Aristotle and his proud nation, that looked down upon the barbarians. Alexander and his successors only ploughed the furrows, into which a greater one than Alexander and all other mortals, Paul, was to plant the seed of the Gospel. They were the implements in the hands of the Lord to further the cause of the kingdom of Christ. This is the everlasting kingdom, against which the heathen rage to this very day. When His time comes, He will dash and crash them as a potter's vessel that has served its purpose. Here again we behold the wondrous ways and works of the Lord for the furtherance of His kingdom. Everything serves His gracious will of salvation!

Southeastern Wisconsin District Convention

Opening Service

AS is customary and fitting, the eighteenth biennial convention of the Southeastern Wisconsin District was opened with a divine service, this time on the morning of June 23, 1952, in the chapel of our Theological Seminary at Thiensville. Approximately 200 delegates heard President A. Halboth speak on John 10, 27-28. The president reminded all present that in preaching the Gospel either directly or indirectly we are doing the work entrusted to us by Jesus, our Good Shepherd. He pointed out how we, the Shepherd's sheep, hear His voice and follow Him, and how He in turn knows us and gives unto us eternal life. Vice-President H. Cares served as liturgist in this opening service.

Eight sessions were held in all during the convention. Each morning session outside the first one was begun with a brief devotional service

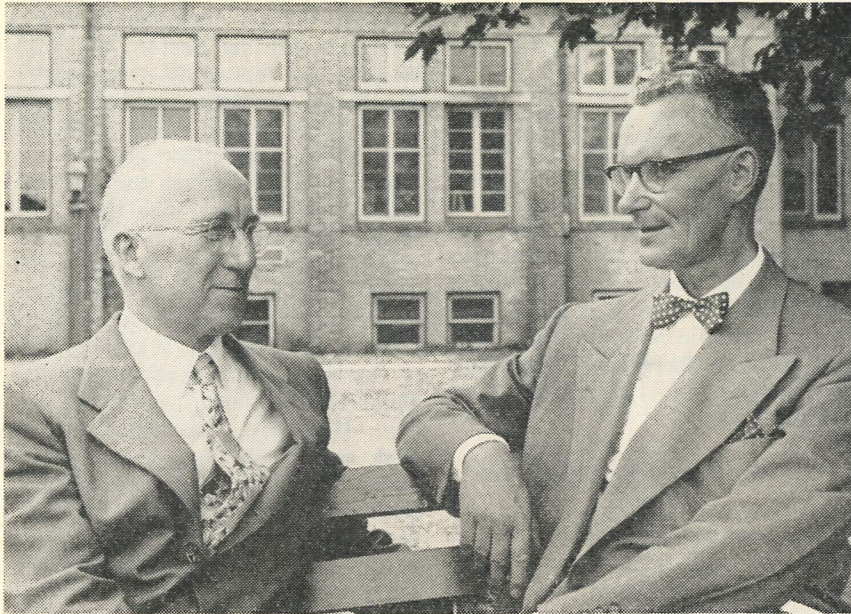
conducted by Pastor P. Behn, while the afternoon sessions began with devotional exercises led by Pastor A. Nicolaus.

Doctrinal Essay

A doctrinal essay, entitled "Trust in one's self an obstacle to trust in saving grace," was prepared and delivered by Pastor R. Huth. The essayist divided his theme into five parts and showed convincingly that only in Scripture is God's grace unto salvation revealed; secondly, that all Scriptural testimony of God's love centers in Christ Jesus; thirdly, that those who oppose God's grace in Christ esteem the honor of man above the honor of God, even though they often use the Bible for their own purpose; fourthly, that the holy will of God, known to all mortals and given through Moses to Israel, condemns the unbeliever because he rejects God's grace in Christ; and

lastly, that as dear children of God by grace we should heed the Savior's exhortation to search the Scriptures so that we may grow in wisdom unto salvation. The paper showed painstaking work on the part of the essayist throughout.

Considerable time was given to the report of the District Mission Board. After the highlights of each mission were presented by the chairman of the board, each missionary of the District was given an opportunity to present additional information about



The Essayists — Pastors R. Huth and A. Koelpin



The district in session

Mission Report

Exemplifying the truth that only a mission-minded church is a living church, the delegates showed keen interest in the reports of various mission endeavors of our Synod.

his field. The report as a whole showed that in the past biennium the mission fields gained 246 communicants, 97 of these being gained by the missionaries via adult confirmation. The average contribution per com-

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municant for home and synodical purposes in 1951 in the twelve mission fields amounted to \$53.78. Thus it was again made apparent that the Word of our Lord does not return to Him void, but it accomplishes that which He pleases and it prospers in the thing whereto He sent it.

Negro Mission — Bethesda

Special mention was made of the fact that this fall a mission will be opened among the Negroes of Milwaukee. Candidate B. Sauer will be ordained and commissioned as missionary to the Negroes on Sunday evening, September 14, 1952, at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Milwaukee.

Time was also taken at the convention to hear a report on the work of Bethesda Lutheran Home at Watertown by Superintendent F. Golisch. He encouraged the delegates not to forget the need of this house of mercy for the handicapped in their congregational work.

Report of Board of Education

The report of the District Board of Education revealed that 190 congregations in our Synod maintain their own Christian day schools, while 29 other congregations pay tuition for their children who are attending the school of a neighboring congregation. In the past year 16,260 children enjoyed the blessings of a Christian day-school education, a gain of 1,045 over the previous year. The teacher shortage in our schools has still not been solved and undoubtedly will become worse in 1953, when the graduating class of teachers at New Ulm will be extremely small. In reporting on the school situation in our Synod it dare not be forgotten that one of the congregations of our District organized its own Christian day school this past year, namely, Centennial Lutheran Church of Milwaukee.

A Sorrowful Note

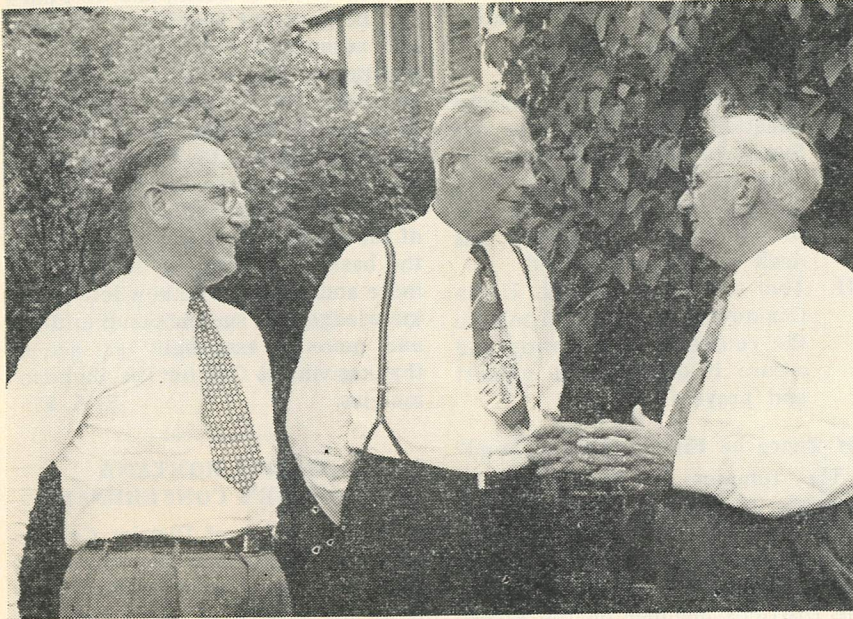
One sorrowful note was struck at the convention when the subject of synodical finances was discussed. While the reports of both the District cashier and the chairman of the Board of Trustees showed that some congregations were raising their \$8.00 per communicant quota for Synod, a great number of congrega-

tions was not raising their fair share. The result was that many mission projects that the Synod intended to undertake and promised to undertake in 1951-52 had to be postponed. It was pointed out that the

Elections

The election results of the convention showed the following:

President: Pastor A. Halboth.
First Vice-President: Pastor H. Cares.
Second Vice-President: Pastor H. Diehl.



The District Officers — Left to Right 1st Vice-president H. Cares, president A. Halboth, 2nd Vice-president H. Diehl

shortage of funds was not due to the Lord who withheld His blessings from us, but was due to so many of our members who failed to give as the Lord had prospered them.

Service

The communion service for the convention delegates was held Wednesday evening, June 25, at Calvary Lutheran Church in Thiensville. Pastor E. Knief preached the sermon with the theme, "The truth shall make you free," basing his message on John 8, 31-32, while Pastor F. Tabbert served as liturgist.

Secretary: Pastor H. Vogel.
Essay Recorder: Pastor W. Nommensen.
Cashier: Mr. G. Sampe.

Mission Board: Pastors J. Mahnke, E. Hinderer, and E. Huebner, and Mr. H. Gawrish.
Board of Education: Pastor P. Gieschen, and Messrs. A. Ehlke and H. Groth.

Board of Auditors: Messrs. O. Vogelpohl and R. Millbrath.
Students' Aid: Pastor P. Behn.

Advisory Board of Support: Pastor R. Huth and Mr. H. Ihlenfeldt.

years, we could not help noting the changes that but four years had wrought: a large turnover in manpower had brought many new faces; new missions and Christian day schools had been opened; and the Academy, which for years had limped from one makeshift to another, was now in the midst of its building project. One thing had not changed — the spirit in which the brethren assembled to consult with one another.

The convention was opened with a communion service, for which the Reverend W. Schuetze, Jamestown, North Dakota, delivered a stirring message based on 1 Cor. 15, 58. "Be ye stedfast, unmoveable" — stedfast in the Word, unmoveable when faced with the dangers that threaten the church today, unmoveable against those who would weaken or distort the Gospel; then will follow the success which the Lord has promised — such was the burden of the speaker's message; and such was the cardinal thread that ran through the brief messages of the five chaplains appointed to lead the devotions.

Morning sessions were set aside for the hearing of an informative essay prepared and read by Professor Alexander Sitz of Northwestern College. Speaking on the topic "Luther as Hymnologist," the essayist showed first how Luther was led to write hymns, and secondly, how Luther accurately follows the Scripture on which the hymn is based. The essayist used a selection of Luther's hymns to illustrate the marks of a good hymn: simplicity and sincerity, spirituality without sentimentalism, faithful presentation of Scriptural truth.

Report on Missions Encouraging

To bring the Gospel to the unchurched is the business of the church. Through our prayers and our offerings we help to sustain the little flock that is not strong enough to support itself. The Dakota-Montana District has many such mission stations, and that doubtless was one of the reasons for President Albrecht's calling quite early upon the Reverend W. T. Meier, chairman of the District Mission Board, to make his report on the missions within the district and to supplement it with a report of all missions of the Synod. Chairman Meier pointed to a healthy growth within the district as well as through-

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"Abound more and more" — that was the message of encouragement which the Reverend P. G. Albrecht, president of the Dakota-Montana District, gave in his opening message to pastors, teachers, and delegates assembled at Roscoe,

South Dakota, to deliberate on the Lord's business. Much has been done, much progress has been made, yet in the Lord's work it must always be "abound more and more."

Enjoying the hospitality of St. Paul's for the second time in four

out the Synod. Sixteen mission stations have been opened during the past year. Some older stations have become self-supporting. A missionary has been sent to Japan to explore mission possibilities in that benighted country. This report, taken together with others on Nigeria, our Indian mission, Refugee Mission, and Spiritual Welfare Commission, were all very heartening. There was one depressing note however. More new fields could have been opened if we had had the wherewithal. Here we need to take time out for searching reflection.

Reporting for the Board of Education, Professor H. G. Meyer stressed the importance of the Christian Day School and gave us cause to rejoice when he reviewed the general increase in enrolment, in new schools, and in new buildings. We are especially happy in the knowledge that we have four day schools in our district.

Educational Institutions Still in Need

Without a reservoir of men and women from which to fill our pulpits with preachers and our schools with teachers the work of mission needs must suffer. That our educational institutions will not be able to keep this reservoir filled commensurate with anticipated needs seemed obvious from the reports that were presented. True, there is a great cause for rejoicing in the fact that our institutions are filled to capacity, but when we hear that great numbers of applicants must be turned away, we are greatly disturbed. The dilemma in which Northwestern College, for example, finds itself calls for drastic action. Professor Sitz, chairman of the Synod's Educational Survey Committee, in giving us the salient facts, pointed to several problems at Northwestern that call for an early solution, which taken together, all spell just one thing — more buildings.

"If Ye Continue in My Word, Then Are Ye My Disciples Indeed"

Considerable time was given to the report of the Synod's Standing Committee on Church Union. Great difficulties confront our Synod in its relationship to other church bodies, especially in its relationship to the sister synods of the Synodical Conference. These relationships center on both doctrine and practice. The bond of unity and peace which has existed

in the Synodical Conference since its organization is now in greatest danger. The action which the Synod's Union Committee proposes to take in this grave matter met with full consent in our deliberations, and to give voice to our stand on the question, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved:

- I. That we recognize the serious situation which confronts our Synod in the Union question,
- II. That we appreciate the careful, patient, and charitable manner in which our Committee has dealt in the matter, and
- III. That we encourage the Union Committee to adhere firmly to the course it is following and assure it of our firm support and prayers.

"If There be First a Willing Mind"

The function of the Board of Trustees is not to produce the funds needed to carry out the Lord's work; however it can keep us informed on the availability of funds. On this the District's member on the Board, the Reverend Paul Kuehl, Mandan, North Dakota, reported at some length. In general, the contributions per communicant have gone up, but not to the point set in convention at New Ulm. He showed clearly how necessary it is to raise our budgetary allotments if the Synod is to carry out all its work.

Election Results

President: Pastor P. G. Albrecht, Bowdle, South Dakota
 1st Vice-President: Pastor W. Schuetze, Jamestown, North Dakota
 2nd Vice-President: Pastor H. Rutz, Hazel, South Dakota
 Secretary: Professor K. G. Sievert, Mobridge, South Dakota
 Recorder: Professor H. G. Meyer, Mobridge, South Dakota
 Chairman of the Mission Board: Pastor W. T. Meier, Watertown, South Dakota
 Other Members: Pastors H. Hempel, K. Bast, and Messrs. J. Kiihl, C. Schlomer
 Chairman of Board of Education: Professor H. G. Meyer
 Other Members: Pastors W. Schuetze and G. Boldt
 Chairman of Board of Support: Pastor B. Borgschatz, Watertown, South Dakota
 Second Member: Pastor W. Lindloff
 Auditing Committee: Pastors L.

Huebner and H. Juroff and Mr. N. Frey
 Secretary for Student Aid: Pastor W. Lindloff, Elkton, South Dakota
 Having completed its work, the convention thanked the host pastor, the Reverend G. Boldt, and St. Paul's for the generous hospitality accorded and adjourned with prayer. In the closing service which followed, the Reverend W. T. Meier, basing his message on Acts 20, 26-27, exhorted the congregation to "give thanks to God for a God-given ministry." Thus, as President Albrecht at the opening of the convention had enjoined us on the basis of 1 Thess. 4, 1 to abound more and more, so we now left in the knowledge that such abounding more and more is essentially an act of thanksgiving to God for His abundant mercies. R. A. F.

DAKOTA-MONTANA TEACHER'S CONFERENCE

In this season of District Conventions and Conferences this report may seem to be rather insignificant, yet it is the source of much joy and encouragement to everyone interested in the cause of Christian education.

Three years ago the three teachers of the Dakota-Montana District met for their first conference. This spring the number had grown to five. One guest, Teacher E. Baer of Nigeria, the District Board of Education and the Pastors of those Congregations having Christian Day Schools joined the teachers in their deliberations at Mobridge.

A catechesis on the First Commandment and a reading class for the first grade were presented with the respective grades of Zion Ev. Lutheran School assisting in the demonstration. Papers included a study and review of "The Flood," "The Rights of the Lutheran Child," "The Relation of the Teacher to the Parents, the Pupil, the School Board" and a round table discussion of "Your Problems and Mine." The discussions which followed each unit gave evidence of the interest of teachers and pastors in the all important work of bringing the Word of God to the young souls entrusted to their care.

May the Lord continue to bless this work of Christian Education and thus fulfill in our midst the promise which He placed in His parable of the mustard seed.

Eighteenth Biennial Convention Northern Wisconsin District

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STURGEON BAY and St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Congregation in particular put forth much gracious and unstinted effort in preparing welcome and convenience for the several hundred pastors, teachers and delegates to the Convention. The pastor of the congregation, the Rev. Theo. Baganz, conducted the opening Communion service, in which the District President, Pastor W. Strohschein, delivered the sermon. It was based on 2 Timothy 2, 3: "Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." In his report to the convention, President Strohschein summed up the objectives of this meeting: "To look to the promises of our Lord, to find comfort in those promises for ourselves and the strength and the zeal that we need to fulfill the directives which our Lord has given us in carrying out our privileged responsibilities in His Kingdom." Speaking of the various disturbing influences in the work of the Kingdom, both in matters doctrinal and practical, President Strohschein directed the convention to the Word of Jesus, "What is that to thee? Follow thou me."

In Memoriam

The first morning session was devoted to a service in memory of fellow soldiers in Christ's army who were received into their Eternal Reward during the past biennium.

Pastor G. Dettmann, Pastor A. Habermann, Pastor E. Hinnenthal, Pastor O. Hoyer, Mr. G. Koepsell, Pastor E. B. Schlueter, Pastor A. Schneider.

Pastor R. D. Ziesemer, Ripon, Wisconsin, delivered the sermon, using as his text Ezekiel 11, 5.

Essays

In the course of the convention, two short but intensively practical essays were read. The first, by Pastor P. Oehlert, Kaukauna, touched upon the problem of Church Discipline; his topic was "Grounds for Excommunication." Pastor W. Wichmann, Neenah, discussed the question, "What to Consider when Receiving a Call."

Elections

In order that all who move into the Northern Wisconsin District and all who wish to deal with the District may have immediate access to the names of those who occupy the various official positions, we submit a complete report on elections:

District President: Rev. O. Siegler, R. 1, Calvary, Wis.

First Vice-President: Rev. W. Pless.
Second Vice-President: Rev. W. Strohschein.

Secretary: Rev. F. Reier.

Recording Secretary: Rev. H. Wicke.

Treasurer: Mr. Gerald Herzfeldt.

Mission Board: Rev. W. Pankow, Mr. A. Gehrke.

Auditing Committee: Mr. Chas. Bohl, Mr. E. Schultz, Mr. E. Radtke.

Student Support: Rev. R. E. Ziesemer, Mr. P. Stoekli, Mr. E. Schneider.

District Board of Support: Rev. H. Kleinhans, Mr. B. Boese.

School Board: Rev. W. Hoepner, Mr. A. Koester, Mr. H. Redlin.

Report and Recommendation

In all departments of Synod the history of the past two years is a repetition and extension of history. Concerning every phase of work there is the report of success and progress due to the manifold blessings of the Lord of the Church and resulting from the faithful labors of those in charge. These appear the greater when we note what Synod as a whole has not produced in similar abundance — the men and the money to keep pace with the Lord's leading.

Board of Education

Great joy was expressed over the interest, activity and progress in the field of parochial education. Nevertheless we were told that in our teaching profession there are twice as many vacancies as there are graduates from our Normal College.

Institutions and Survey Committee

Progress and growth has also created problems especially at Northwestern College and Dr. Martin Luther College. For many years it

has appeared advisable to separate the preparatory departments from these colleges. A survey committee report, which presented a solution to this problem, was carefully considered and for the most part adopted. The convention recommended a segregation of faculties at once — a preparatory faculty and a college faculty both at New Ulm and at Watertown. Segregation of the preparatory and college departments, placing them on separate campuses, should be accomplished "as soon as practicable," to be brought about by the establishing of academies at strategic points and by the subsidizing of Lutheran high schools. This awareness of the tremendous importance of secondary Christian education is most encouraging and should claim the heart and support of every member of Synod. Not only will a well organized system of Lutheran high schools relieve the crowded condition of our college campuses, not only will it assure a rich source of men and women who will be led to continue study for pulpit and classroom, but it will surely strengthen the body of the Church as a whole. The "one true faith" knows no firmer support than through Christian knowledge and education.

"Lebensraum" in the dormitory at Northwestern College has always been somewhat at a premium. Now the Industrial Commission has pointed out something we have all known, namely that the "Old Dorm" and also the old Administration Building have all but outlived their useful life. We have been ordered to discontinue use of the third floor in each building. The obvious solution to the immediate problem is new dormitory space. This was suggested by the Survey Committee and recommended by the convention. Nothing was said concerning the classroom problem, but surely Synod must see the necessity of making its college as efficient as possible and be ready to make it so through the action of its next Joint Synodical Convention.

Home Mission — Northern Wisconsin

One of the high points of the convention was the Mission Report and Summary by the chairman of the Board, Pastor W. Pankow, New London. The greatest obstacle to mission work has its roots in the mate-

rialistic tendency of our day and the desire for ease and convenience. "Like Israel of old," he said, "we complain even if bread falls from heaven, because we still have to go to the trouble of picking it up and eating it." Pastor Pankow brought the reminder that Jesus did not wheedle men into following Him by making all sorts of promises, but warned them at the start that following Him is a hard life which requires self-sacrifice.

This is true of the mission fields themselves. He reported: "In starting missions today, we find that people make unreasonable demands of us. They want the Synod to build them a beautiful church, so that they need not feel ashamed to attend it. Some are even willing to go shopping and find out which synod makes them the best offer. When people move from one section of the country to another, the pastor sometimes does not hear where they moved until months and years later. If they join a church in their new dwelling place, they often do not ask whether that church preaches the same doctrine or follows the same church discipline which they learned at home. The cases are few and far between where people appeal to us from afar to send a missionary into their new dwelling place, or that they even take a pastor along before they move, as did many who came to this country years ago. Nobody ever thinks of starting a mission with reading services at first, until they are able to take care of a pastor."

Concerning the general failure to sacrifice for Christ's cause, Pastor Pankow said in part: "Because the desire for modern conveniences has also crept into the spiritual work of the church and Christians are not willing to sacrifice for the maintenance of the Gospel Truth, therefore we have this treat of atheistic communism hanging over our heads today. We have found that one and two percent of communists in a larger labor union gain control over the whole union because they are willing to sacrifice and suffer for their ungodly communist system with its ungodly aims and promises. Many more Christians may belong to the same union, but they make no effort to implant and instill the spirit of Christ in that group. To do mission work properly we need a sincere and burning loyalty to our

Savior, to the everlasting truth of His Gospel, to our Synod which preaches that Gospel."

Another obstacle to the work of missions, often an excuse for not contributing, is faultfinding. Concerning this he stated: "The Church is not built by those who sit on the sidelines to criticize everything that is done, but by those who silently lay their shoulder to the wheel and push with the strength and ability which God has given them. We all make mistakes, even with the best intentions, but there is no need for magnifying those mistakes by constant repetition. The words of Christ are still true: 'Pray ye the Lord of the harvest, that He may send laborers into His harvest.' The Kingdom of God does not need critics and grippers and backbiters, but it still needs laborers. Let each and everyone of us work faithfully in his own sphere as a witness of Christ and each do his particular share in this work of missions and progress should be attained. Lord give us grace to that end."

The convention was impressed. These are words to live by.

The convention joyfully studied the reports of the individual mission congregation. All make us glad to be partners in this work of gathering souls for whom Christ died. Two new missions were began, at Oconto Falls and Menasha. Three became self-supporting, Appleton, Neenah and Crivitz.

Missions beyond the District

The convention duly considered the reports of all other mission fields. Upon hearing the report of Pastor F. Tiefel, sent recently to Japan both to contact our "boys" and to make a mission survey, the assembly became

understandably excited. Here was the information that God has led us to discover a very promising field, one truly ripe for the harvest. Pastor Tiefel was sent merely to make a survey, and Synod has not been in a position to authorize a full scale mission in Japan up to this time. In order to lend all possible encouragement to Pastor Tiefel and to the Mission Board of Synod, it was unanimously resolved "that this convention wishes to express its conviction that this work should not be hindered for lack of Synodical authorization, and that every effort should be made to proceed with the purpose of establishing a permanent mission field in the Japanese area."

Building Fund Collection

Pastor H. Wicke delivered his final report as Financial Secretary. The District as such has exceeded its quota, having contributed a total of \$226,384.67. Twenty-nine congregations have not as yet completed their collections. These were encouraged to continue their efforts and to keep faith with their brethren.

When May We Hope for Success?

Having deliberated carefully on all phases of Synod's activity, its work here at home and its far-flung mission endeavors, delegates prepared for their return to their homes. All were filled with the firm resolve to redouble their individual efforts even as their zeal had been increased. All came to the closing service wholly receptive to the Lord's revelation of 1 Kings 19, 9-18, as it was expounded by Pastor Waldemar Zink, Kewaunee. When may we hope for success in doing the Lord's work? When we labor with unflagging zeal; when we rest our trust in the Lord and His promises.

ORVIN SOMMER.

Western Wisconsin District Convention

IN a world like our it is very easy to acquire a false sense of values and to see life in distorted perspective. Economic pressures, political tensions, international crises, and the ordinary material problems of daily living all tend to make us confuse appearance with reality.

For this reason, if for no other, the 18th biennial convention of the Synod's Western Wisconsin District, held at Columbus, Wisconsin, June 16-19, was a blessing to all in attendance. For the main item of business on the convention's agenda, the doctrinal essay on "The Church of the

Firstborn" by Prof. Ralph Gehrke, served admirably to clarify our vision and deepen our understanding, as it set forth in the light of God's Word the great heavenly *realistics* which are the inheritance and possession here and now of those who live under the New Covenant of God.

Emphasizing the distinction between Law and Gospel as the essential difference between the Old and New Covenants, the essayist forcefully underscored the importance of the Means of Grace to which God has bound His heavenly realities, and also pointed up the greater responsibility which, in all freedom, we as God's New Covenant people have.

Strengthened and encouraged by this practical exposition of our

Savior's Gospel, the members of the convention worked diligently and in cordial brotherliness to dispose of the remaining business before them.

While all reports of the Synod's various boards and committees received careful study and consideration, special attention was given to the work of missions, both home and foreign, and to the current status of the church-union question.

Regarding the latter, a resolution was adopted commending the Synod's Church-Union Committee on its manly stand and doctrinal integrity based on Holy Writ, and at the same time exhorting each member of the District *not* to sit back complacently and leave the handling of the problem alone to the Synod's Committee, but to continue intensive

Scripture-study and instant prayer to the end that the true unity of the Spirit may be maintained among us and by His gracious operation widely extended.

The sermons for the opening and closing services were preached by Pastor H. C. Nitz and Professor E. E. Kowalke; while the devotions in the daily sessions were conducted by Missionaries W. Wegner, C. Rosenow, W. Lange, E. Mahnke, and J. Krubsack.

The District elected the following officers for the next biennium: President, H. C. Nitz; 1st Vice President, E. W. Mueller; 2nd Vice-President, J. C. Dahlke; Secretary, G. C. Marquardt; Treasurer, Herbert Koch.

R. P. JUNGKUNTZ



News from our Mission Fields

"Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

MATTHEW 28, 20

Of Wheat

THE wheat harvest is under way in Nebraska. The winter wheat crop in this state is predicted to reach 108 million bushels. This is 18 million bushels more than ever previously recorded. A yield of 24 bushels was forseen, compared with 14½ bushels per acre last year when the production totaled 57 million.



"Look on the Fields"

THE NEBRASKA HARVEST

The all-time previous record harvest was 89 million bushels in 1946.

But the harvest has only begun. Some fields have already suffered a total loss and others damaged by hail and tempest. These will be days of anxiety till all be safely gathered in.

Of Souls

Last week on our way to the Nebraska District convention in Plymouth we saw evidence of this wonderful harvest. But as we watched the swells on the sea of grain, we remembered the words of Jesus spoken to His disciples, when He beheld the Samaritans coming to Him through the fields of young grain: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest."

A far more glorious harvest met His holy eyes. The grain Jesus beheld was the Samaritans, white for harvest, ready to be gathered into the granary of the Kingdom.

We were traveling along these fields of grain, that clothe the earth and meet the sky, to hear reports



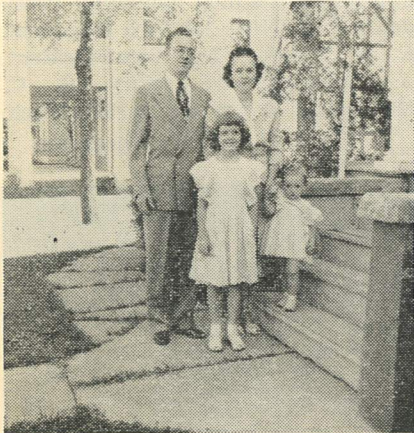
*"They are White
Already to Harvest"*

of just such blessed mission work. As sowers and reapers we would soon meet to rejoice together over the harvest of souls gathered for life eternal.

As God Gives the Increase

We heard that the 29 mission congregations of the Nebraska District showed a net gain of 478 souls during the past biennium. It is this joy of the harvest we wish to share with our readers and every member of the Synod.

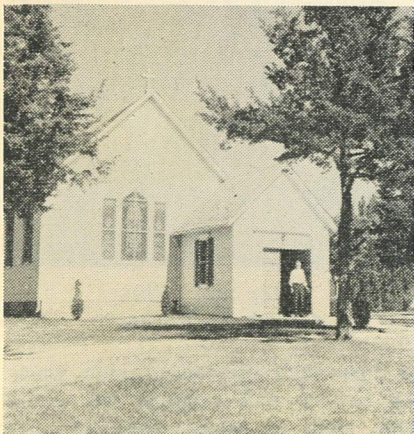
Our Soul harvest story this week comes from two new missions in central Nebraska at Aurora and Sutton. Your missionary in this field, Pastor Milton F. Weishan, is a native son of Nebraska.



Pastor and Mrs. Milton Weishan,
Joyce and Janice

First Ev. Lutheran Church of Aurora celebrated its fifth anniversary on Pentecost Sunday. The first service, five years ago, was attended by 23. Pastor R. Roth conducted this service in a rented theatre. The present missionary has served here since 1946.

Until a \$6,000 loan was granted from our Church Extension Fund, this small congregation of Christians worshipped under many handicaps.



First Ev. Lutheran Church
of Aurora, Nebraska

But with the Synod's help a country church was purchased and moved 20 miles to this city of 3,000 which never had a Lutheran church. In this manner and with 3,000 hours of donated labor by zealous members, a modest but beautiful chapel was erected for \$7,500.

Today this Mission has a communicant membership of 135 and some 215 souls. 35 adults and 11 children have been confirmed in the brief history of the congregation. Because of a wonderful church attendance of over 100 per Sunday, funds for an amplifying system are being raised so that the basement might be used for the overflow attendance.

The other, and the newest, mission served by Pastor Weishan is St. Mark's Lutheran at Sutton — 30 miles south of Aurora via a gravel road. Sutton is a village of 1,400. The pastor serves this congregation each Sunday with a 9:15 service. This young Mission organized in 1950 already numbers 40 communicants. One of our mission minded Wisconsin Synod brethren donated \$1,500 to this mission. A \$2,500 Church Extension loan added to this gift, enabled the congregation to purchase a former Congregational church. This church, in the heart of Sutton, is being prepared for dedication

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late this fall.

Both of these Missions have taken an active part in the work of the Synod, have become members of the Synod and have subscriptions to the *Northwestern Lutheran* for each family.

Mission work is the greatest work in the world! It yields the most glorious harvest! The reaping in our mission fields is the gathering of fruit unto life eternal. True, the parable of the sower is repeated in every mission field. The missionary too sees crop failure. But there are always those of whom our Savior said "For the seed that fell on good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience."

It is God that gives this increase. That is why your missionary is humbly grateful for this mission success in these two cities for years grown indifferent in their religious teaching and practices. Since you have supported this work he wishes to rejoice together with you. Next to the joy of your salvation may your Mission Festival offering reflect the joy of this year's harvest of souls in our mission fields.

W. R. HOYER.

Dr. Martin Luther College

New Ulm, Minnesota

JUST a few hours after the last examinations were written on Wednesday, June 4, at 5:30, 227 men and women gathered in the girls' gymnasium for the alumni luncheon. We were happy to find so many present. It was decided to make this luncheon an annual affair, and a planning committee was appointed to offer suggestions for more active alumni participation. The Class of 1927 had come for a reunion, several from a great distance, and it made all feel good to see them once more.

The concert at 8:15 was presented to an overflow audience. Really, the auditorium was filled a half hour before the program was to begin, even though the day had been somewhat rainy and our roads rather muddy.

Promptly at 10 o'clock on the morning of June 5, with Professor Martin Albrecht playing the proces-

sional, the graduates began to file down the aisles. There were 102 of them, 69 from our high-school and 33 from our College department. President S. E. Westendorf of our Michigan District delivered the address, pointing out that real education must build temples of God.

The majority of the members of our high-school class will enter our college department when school opens on September 9. Seven others will continue their studies at Northwestern at Watertown. The college graduates will all teach at the places assigned to them in May by our Synod's committee:

Mary Anderson at Oshkosh (Grace), Wisconsin
Audrey Baumbach at West Allis, Wisconsin
Fred. Biedenbender at Burlington, Wisconsin
Jerome Birkholz at Toledo, Ohio



L. Hulke



M. Anderson



E. Sell



A. Bamberh



R. Otterstätter



J. Schläpfer



J. Hopman

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R. Kießbach



L. Schutz



P. Kud



R. Grunne



F. Janke



J. Pautz



K. Sperling

Gerda Brandahl at Bay City
(Trinity), Michigan
Mabel Goede at Mobridge, South
Dakota
Ruth Grunke at Sparta, Wisconsin
Roger Hagen at Johnson, Minnesota
Katharine Hinderer at Yakima,
Washington
Eldon Hirsch at Norfolk, Nebraska
James Hopman at Menomonie,
Wisconsin
LeRoy Hulke at Fairfax
(Wellington), Minnesota
Fred. Janke at Livonia, Michigan
Rhoda Kiekbusch at Hoskins,
Nebraska
Herbert Kluth at Columbus,
Wisconsin
Dorothy Knoll at Monroe, Michigan
Paul Kock at Two Rivers, Wisconsin
Willard Lueders at Rhineland,
Wisconsin
Loretta Manthe at Belle Plaine,
Minnesota
Ronald Manthe at Eau Claire,
Michigan
Joan Onland at St. Paul (St. John's),
Minnesota

Robert Otterstatter at Bylas, Arizona
Joyce Pautz at Caledonia, Wisconsin
Marilyn Radtke at Gibbon, Minnesota
Lester Ring at Bay City (St. John's),
Michigan
Werner Roekle at Liberty, Wisconsin
Jane Schlavensky at Winona,
Minnesota
Lois Schutz at Algoma, Wisconsin
Floyd Schwecke at Bay City
(Trinity), Michigan
Irwin Seifert at Bethesda, Watertown,
Wisconsin
Edwin Sell at Valentine, Nebraska
Richard Sonnenberg, at Town
Freedom, Wisconsin
Katherine Sperling at Kaukauna,
Wisconsin
Robert Wilhite at Boyd, Minnesota
Theda Zettler at Arlington, Minnesota
In addition to these, 22 under-
graduates were assigned to teach in
order to fill the most pressing needs.
May the Lord of the Church bless
these young people and permit them
to be faithful servants in His vine-
yard.

C. L. S.

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the local school board has always been very accommodating in making its facilities available to us, we are happy in the knowledge that henceforth we shall have our own auditorium.

Another event of the closing days was a luncheon arranged for by the Alumni Association, at which the Faculty and the graduating class were the honored guests. Approximately thirty alumni were present, a goodly number when one considers that many of our graduates do not remain even within the state.

Tutor W. Wietzke and our matron Mrs. L. Traub have consented to remain in our service another year, while Tutor M. Stern, after serving us faithfully for two years, has accepted a call to a mission in Waukesha, Wisconsin. We wish him God's richest blessing in his new field.

In general, the new building is progressing according to schedule. Though a certain type of brick has failed to arrive in due time, this delay in shipment has not halted the work in other parts of the building, so that at the time of this writing the walls of the gymnasium are nearing completion. We hope that other work of the over-all project, such as sidewalks, changes in the White Building, campus road, etc. can be completed by September. The students, as well as the members of the Faculty, would like to begin the new school year under more favorable conditions than they have had during the past decade, and the improvements now under way and others that have been allowed bid well to bring this about.

R. A. FENSKE.

Closing Exercises at Northwestern Lutheran Academy

ON Friday, June 6, another school year of the Academy was formally brought to its close. Since clear-skies and hot weather prevailed, our attendance again was larger than we could accommodate; however, it was heartening to note the interest shown in the fact that many had gathered even from great distances.

Two boys and nine girls were awarded their diplomas. One boy will continue his studies at Northwestern College; four girls, at Dr. Martin Luther College. Thus from year to year we help to fill the reservoir from which our Dakota-Montana District must draw.

To the graduates and the assembled congregation our guest speaker, Pastor W. Schuetze of Jamestown, North Dakota, spoke earnestly on the words of our Lord, "Mary hath chosen that good part." In applying the lessons of his message to Christian higher education, the

speaker restated truths that, especially in our day, need to be repeated again and again.

On the evening before the commencement exercises, the musical organizations of the school, under the direction of Professor H. G. Meyer, rendered the traditional commencement concert in the auditorium of the local high school. Although

Graduation at Michigan Lutheran Seminary

"GOD is our Refuge and Strength." These words served both as the motto of the Senior Class and as the text of the sermon for the Thirty-ninth Commencement at Michigan Lutheran Seminary.

For the first time since early in its history the graduation service could be held on school property. Heretofore the facilities of the local

St. Paul's Lutheran Church had to be used.

Thursday evening, June 5, found about 1,000 people seated in the new auditorium to take part in the graduation service. They heard Pastor Paul Heyn of Tawas City, a graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary twenty-five years ago, give the principal address. Pastor Emil Kasischke,

chairman of the Board of Regents, served as liturgist.

A class of thirty-six young men and women, the largest in the school's history, received diplomas. It is interesting to note that fourteen members of this class will continue their studies at Dr. Martin Luther College while six will enter Northwestern College. That means that over half of the members of this class intend to enter the work of the Church in the Wisconsin Synod.

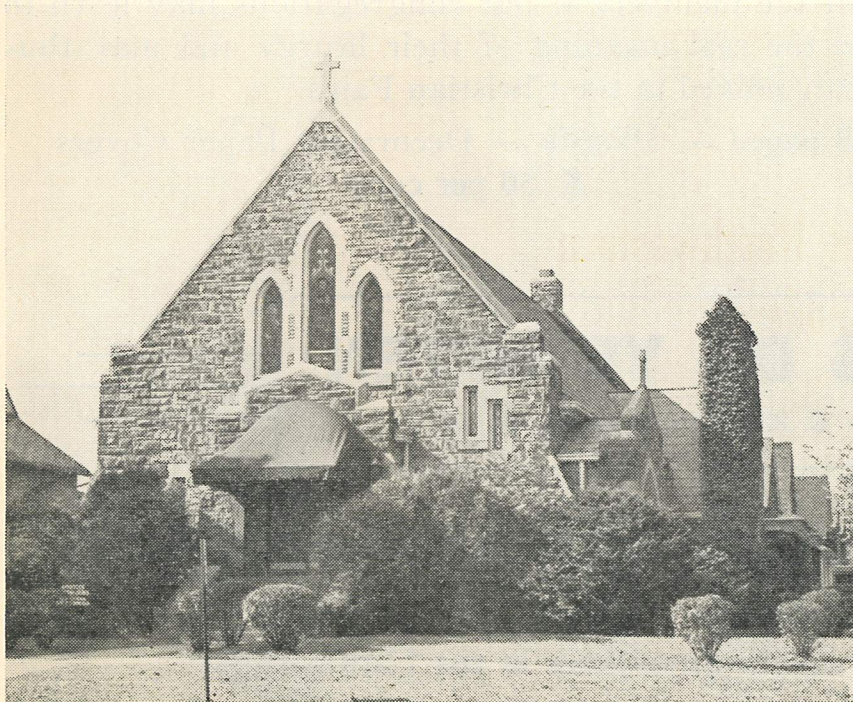
The evening before graduation, a commencement concert was presented for the first time. It is hoped that it will become an annual affair. The first part of the concert was religious, presenting the six favorite chorales of the school's thirty-nine voice Concert Choir. The remainder

of the concert was secular and featured the band, the eighty voice choir, the one hundred-twenty voice choir, and several individual members of the student-body. About six hundred people attended the concert.

Following the concert the annual meeting of the Alumni Society was held. Reports indicated that the Alumni's project of two hard-surface tennis courts for the school will soon be a reality.

We are truly grateful to the Lord of the Church for His many blessings during the school year just completed. In His name we bespeak your prayers and support for the ever-expanding work in all departments of our Wisconsin Synod.

CONRAD FREY



GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

May 25, 1952, was a day of joy and thanksgiving unto God for the members of Apostles' Ev. Lutheran church of Toledo, Ohio, in commemorating 50 years of grace given through the Word and Sacraments since the organization of the congregation. Special services were held to mark the observance of this anniversary. Pastors Leonard J. Koeninger of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Gerhard Press of Wayne, Michigan, preached at these services.

Apostles' congregation was organized with nine families in the northern area of Toledo in 1902. Five neighboring congregations of Synod collected funds with which to start the building program during the part of that year. These congregations, three from Ohio and two from Michigan, raised enough money to purchase lots and to help with the first payment on the church building. Without such outside assistance Apostles' congregation would have spent many years in an old, rented

school building, since our Synod was not in a position to underwrite such a building program at that time.

The church records show 1,067 baptisms, 765 confirmations, 550 marriages and 405 burials since 1902.

Pastor Emil Wenk served this congregation from 1902 until 1930. The undersigned is the second pastor.

During the past two years the congregation has welcomed, housed and aided in rehabilitating 8 refugee families from the country of Latvia. These families now live in the vicinity of the church and are gradually taking an active part in local church work and in its mission endeavors.

May the gracious Lord continue to bless Apostles' congregation that it may forever praise Him.

"For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever and ever." RAYMOND C. TIMMEL.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

CENTRAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE OF THE WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

The Central Delegate Conference of the Western Wisconsin District will convene at Cambridge, Wisconsin, on Tuesday, July 22, at 9:00 A. M.

The Program:

- 9:00- 9:15 Opening Devotion
- 9:15-10:15 Stewardship (Cont.) R. Mueller
- 10:30-11:00 Financial Report, J. M. Raasch
- 11:00-11:45 A Study of Finance Problems, K. Timmel, K. Eggert, O. Pagels
- 1:15- 1:30 Opening Devotion
- 1:30- 2:30 Report on the District Convention, Including a Study of the Report of the Survey Committee
- 2:45- 3:15 Value of the Lutheran High School, R. Redlin
- 3:15- 4:06 Committee Report on Lutheran School in the Central Conference Area, H. Gieschen, E. Schroeder, G. Redlin, R. Mohrhardt

Kindly announce early to the host pastor, Pastor Martin Wahl.

OTTO A. PAGELS, Secretary.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

The Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference will meet at Concordia College, St. Paul, Minnesota, August 12-15, for its convention. Opening service with communion at 10:00 o'clock (Central Standard Time) in St. John's Church (Rev. O. Naumann), corner of Hope and Margaret Sts., St. Paul. Vice-President Karl Krauss of Lansing, Michigan, will deliver the sermon. The first business session will begin Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 in the gymnasium of Concordia College. Prof. Martin Franzmann will deliver the essay on the topic "The Forgiveness of Sins and The Unity of the Spirit," Eph. 4:1-16. Delegates who desire lodging and meals at the College will please indicate their wishes to Pres. W. A. Poehler, Concordia College, 275 Syndicate St., St. Paul 4, Minnesota, at the earliest possible moment. Charges: Registration fee \$2.00; lodging and meals from Tuesday noon to Friday noon \$16.00, a total of \$18.00.

GEORGE V. SCHICK, Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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