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BRIEFS by the Editor

FIVE CONVENTION REPORTS are brought to you in this issue. Another five will be carried in the September 19 issue.

Interest is keenest in regard to the action which was taken in the area of teacher-training facilities. Therefore a detailed report on that is one of the five which we decided to run first.

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"POSSESS THE WORD — DISPENSE THE WORD." Under this heading we are running the Convention reports. With these words we seek to express our purpose and work as Christians banded together in a Synod.

What do we want to say with "Possess the Word"? We want to say that receiving the treasure or heritage of the Word from our fathers is not like inheriting a big sum from a father or uncle. All the heir has to do is put it in the bank. In short, we dare not say, "We have the Word on deposit; so all's well." All's wrong, if we take that complacent attitude. Not that we must endlessly pursue an elusive thing called truth. No, we have the Truth, the Truth of God in Christ Jesus. He gave it to us through His clear, sure Scriptures.

Still it is true: we must always be at work to possess the Word. Each one must study it, meditate upon it, work his way deeper into it, and apply it to his own heart and life. It is as the poet has said,

*The goods thy fathers left to thee
Thou must acquire, e'er thine
they be.*

The rest of the heading hardly requires further explanation. One who truly possesses the Word and clings to it as his dearest treasure—such a man needs no command such as: "Dispense the Word!" That goes without saying. But since the Old Adam always tries to make him lazy and complacent, he welcomes this encouragement to greater zeal and activity in sharing the treasure of the Word with those who are still without Christ and without hope in the world.

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"WE LEFT THE CONVENTION WONDERING whether the gifts of love from our people would begin to meet the requirements of the opportunities our Lord has laid before us. When I arrived at _____, to spend a few days writing [one of the Con-

vention reports—Ed.] and resting before returning to California, a forwarded letter was on hand from a member of ours who is spending the summer working at a resort in the Black Hills. The letter also contained his paycheck for the entire month of July, endorsed over to _____ Church and sent to me with the request that I choose in which congregational fund it should be put. If the Lord of the Church would touch the hearts of but a fraction of our membership as he touched this man's heart everything we resolved to do would be done—and more."

Thus writes a pastor who was a delegate to the Convention. With "the requirements of the opportunities our Lord has laid before us," he refers to the action which the delegates took in financial matters. Weighing all things soberly and earnestly, determined, however, that we show ourselves grateful to a gracious God who is presenting the golden opportunities to us, they voted to adopt a budget of \$8½ million (\$4¼ million for each year of the biennium). In addition, they resolved on a special offering of \$4 million for expansion of our worker-training facilities, this offering to be gathered during the next two years.

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WE NOTE THE DEATH OF DR. PAUL E. KRETZMANN. He died on July 13, 1965, at the age of 81. Dr. (Continued on page 287)

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us. I Kings 8:57

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COVER — After the morning devotion in the Northwestern College chapel delegates move over to the convention hall (the gymnasium) for a hard day's work.

Editorials

Added Benefits There is only one reason for observing an anniversary in the Church. It is that given in Psalm 117: "O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord."

That was also the occasion for the centennial service at Northwestern College last month. The choir that sang the words of Psalm 117, set to music for the occasion, proclaimed the praise and thanksgiving for the mercy and the truth of the Lord that were the melody with which every note was harmonized and every heart was in tune. "Praise to the Lord" was the theme of the anniversary service and of Northwestern's centennial year.

Observing the centennial of Northwestern College with praise and thanksgiving enhanced our appreciation of the service it has performed in the preparation of pastors and teachers for our Synod. We need to feel such a sense of appreciation for such a blessing. Even if it were the only blessing of such an observance, it was well that we marked this year as a year of thanksgiving.

But, as is always the case when we are thankful, there were also other benefits that came to us. We drew nearer in spirit to those who worked and sacrificed and prayed that this college might be founded and established. We remembered with higher regard those who spoke to us the Word of God in our student days. We gained a deeper awareness of the meaning and significance of our traditions. We realized with fuller understanding that the principles and purposes of this college are still valid in a world that may seem to have changed almost beyond recognition but at its core is unchanged still. We have a firmer conviction that it is even more essential that a school possess truth than that it pursue learning.

During this centennial year Northwestern College has not only become more highly valued for its primary function; it has also become better understood. And that is by no means an insignificant blessing for which to thank God in an anniversary year.

CARLETON TOPPE

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Something Can Be Done Serving on a committee is not generally regarded as one of life's choicest experiences. One cynical committeeman, depressed by the sense of futility which so often pervades committees, but retaining his sense of humor, defined a committee as "a group of people who individually can decide nothing, but who together can decide that nothing can be done."

The Synod in convention is essentially a huge committee deliberating and resolving upon Synodical matters through representation from its entire constituency. But the delegates comprising this mammoth committee of the Wisconsin Synod, which met in Watertown, Wisconsin,

in August, while typically unable to decide anything as individuals because of constitutional restrictions, did together decide that there is much that can be done. And they expressed themselves as overwhelmingly in favor of doing it.

Some of the resolutions of the convention were, for a synod the size of ours, almost staggering in their scope. It was a convention characterized by a remarkable unity and a definite sense of direction. One was impressed with the feeling that we know where we stand; we know where we want to go; and we know what we want to do when we get there.

Little energy was expended lamenting, bemoaning, and viewing with alarm. There was a notable lack of windy speeches and ax-grinding. The job was clear, and the spirit was: Let's get on with it.

We wish that some of the warm spirit of the convention could be sent out with the cold print of the reports, because the endeavors resolved at the convention will be supported to a large extent by those who were not there.

One thing we are sure of: The delegates were sincere in their zeal for the extension of Christ's kingdom. They voted to do things because it was clear to them that the Lord of the Church wants us to do them.

We hope that the zeal and enthusiasm generated at this convention will not burn out like the bonfire at a pep rally, but that it will spread to the individual members of our congregations, upon whose cooperation, under the Lord's blessing, the success of the Synod's well-conceived and well-planned program largely depends.

IMMANUEL G. FREY

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Bach in Israel On each Jewish Sabbath day during the month of May this year John Sebastian Bach's *Passion According to St. John* was presented in a little village not far from Jerusalem. The members of the orchestra and the singers all served without any compensation, although many of them were members of the Tel Aviv Symphony Orchestra and by no means amateurs. The weekly concerts were regularly attended by an audience of 900 people, many of them youngsters who came long distances on their motorcycles to hear the music.

The concerts were given in a Roman Catholic church at Emmaus, that village made forever memorable when Christ revealed Himself there to two of His disciples shortly after His resurrection. The concerts were introduced by one of the Catholic priests attached to the church. The gist of his introductory remarks delivered in the Hebrew language was that the concerts demonstrated the power of music to create unity among the nations and the many different religions. As proof of this ecumenical influence of music he could point to the circumstances in which the concerts were being

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Studies in God's Word: Successful Ministers of Christ

And such trust have we through Christ to God-ward; not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God, who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit; for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life (II Corinthians 3:4-6).

The success of a minister today, according to the standards of some, is measured largely by the size of his congregation and of his salary, by the range of his community influence and interests, and perhaps also by the value, location, and appearance of his congregation's physical plant and facilities. Here, it is imagined, is the evidence of success. Here, obviously, is a successful ministry.

Not so, says the Apostle St. Paul, whose success as a faithful missionary and minister of Christ had little, if anything to do with the foregoing. Along with his like-minded associates, then and now, the Apostle takes an altogether different view of the success of ministers of Christ.

The Evidence of Their Success

It is customary in our day to think of success in many fields in terms of a material advantage, a numerical edge, or a superior rank. The successful man is thus the one who has a larger income, a greater number of clients and customers, or a better position than the majority of his competitors.

We wouldn't expect this same sort of estimate of success to be made by perceptive Christians in regard to church work or the public ministry, least of all by St. Paul or any of the other Apostles. And they don't. Can you imagine Paul and Peter appraising their success on the basis of the remuneration they received for their services, or of the number of people they happened to be serving in a

given area, or on the basis of the executive offices they held in the ecclesiastical body.

On the contrary, Paul sees the evidence of his success not in what accrued to himself, but in what occurred in the lives of those to whom he ministered. When people come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, a radical change takes place. A miracle happens. Formerly, they were dead in trespasses and sins. Spiritually, they had no more life than a corpse. Now, in Christ they are alive, quickened by the power of the life-giving Spirit. In Christ they are new creatures and the newness is evident in their lives. It is apparent in their altered aims and attitude and in their changed conduct and commitment.

In the sin-loving, idol-worshiping city of Corinth, where Paul had labored earlier for a year and a half, there was now a congregation of conspicuous Christians. The complete transformation of their lives was obvious to all. Anyone could notice the difference. Paul and the Corinthian Christians knew how to account for it. Their new life in Christ was the evidence of the Apostle's success, even as the Christian lives of church members today are the unmistakable evidence of their minister's success.

The Source of Their Success

St. Paul, however, would be the last to attribute any evident success to himself or to any particular talent, resource, or attribute of his own. Not that he was lacking either in natural endowment or in acquired skills and training—the Apostle was amply equipped for a successful ministry, as the sacred record plainly indicates. Whatever equipment he had, however, he laid no claim to, as having originated in himself. He saw nothing that could be credited to his own account. Paul was not a self-made man, and he knew it. "Our sufficiency is of God," he attests.

If there was ever any doubt about it, any inclination to self-sufficiency,

the recollection of his own conversion and call into the ministry would quickly dispel it. How could it be otherwise than that "by the grace of God I am what I am" (I Cor. 15:10)! Any success, therefore, is not mine, but God's.

So then. So now. Any growth, any gains, any progress, any expansion; not ours, but God's. Not, our persuasiveness; not, our influence; not, our ingenuity; not, our resourcefulness; not, our determination, for "our sufficiency is of God." Where there is evidence of success, there is greater evidence of the grace and sufficiency of God.

The Means of Their Success

Wherever Paul was successful as a missionary and minister of Christ, it was ever and only by means of the life-giving Gospel of God's grace and mercy of Christ Jesus the perfect fulfillment of God's old covenant promise of a coming Deliverer. Some rejected the promise and foolishly expected to obtain righteousness and salvation by means of the death-dealing Law. But the Law can only expose unrighteousness and condemn us for it. Therefore, Paul preached, "Christ, the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth" (Rom. 10:4), and "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us" (Gal. 3:13), and again, "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1).

Of this Gospel of Christ St. Paul was not ashamed, for it was and ever remains "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth" (Rom. 1:16). By means of this Gospel the Holy Spirit brought life and light into the sin-darkened hearts of countless souls through the ministry of Paul. More, it was the ground of the Apostle's joyous hope, the hope of his confident heart, the heart of his saving message, the message of his ministry, a ministry of evident success.

MILTON BURK

What do
you mean..

Justification?

DENIALS OF IT

Calvinists Tone it Down, too

That Rome has mutilated the precious doctrine of justification almost beyond recognition, all true Lutherans know and are ready to admit. But are we Lutherans equally aware of the fact that many Protestants have also toned down and, in some instances, almost obliterated this central doctrine of our Christian faith? If this were not true, why would so many Protestants today be so receptive to overtures on the part of Rome to come back into her fold? Actually, most Protestants today are first cousins to Rome in her departure from Biblical doctrine. In this respect they are obedient disciples of the two Swiss Reformers, Zwingli and Calvin. Originally both Zwingli and Calvin were considered adherents of Luther. But gradually, as their rationalizing of Bible doctrine became evident, the cleavage between Luther and these two other Reformers became permanent. So to this day there is a big wall of separation between all who are faithful followers of Luther and all those who adhere to the teachings of Zwingli and Calvin.

Faith Made into a Work

One of the perversions of modern-day Protestantism, promoted by such so-called "great" theologians as Barth, Bultman, Tillich, and others like them (some are even found in Lutheran circles), is to make faith into a work. Thus instead of looking upon faith as a gift of God's grace, by which man accepts God's offer of universal justification, they speak of faith as man's obedience to the Gospel, thereby making man's faith a cause of his justification, or at least something that supposedly makes man more fit for God's justification.

This is a natural fruit of Calvin's speculation that God could have justified man without Christ's vicarious

atonement. This he based upon his pet idea of God's sovereignty, God's absolute will and decree, which was the warp and woof of all his theology. Certainly, with this idea so firmly entrenched in his thinking, that God could by a mere whim decree man's salvation or damnation, the central doctrine of our Christian faith, justification, was bound to be affected, so that to this day Calvin's disciples deny altogether the universality of objective justification. They even go so far as to insist, as did Calvin, that it is God who has also predestined those who are lost to their damnation. Such a doctrine makes our gracious God, "who so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son . . . not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved," into a veritable demon.

The True Picture

In contrast to this perversion of this cardinal and comforting doctrine of God's Word we have these words of Apostle Paul, written to his beloved Galatian Christians (Gal. 3:11-13—a paraphrase from "Living Letters" by Kenneth Taylor), "Consequently it is clear that *no man can ever win God's favor* by trying to keep the Jewish Laws, because God has said that the only way we can *be right in His sight is by faith*. How different from the way of faith is the way of law which says that a man is saved by obeying every law of God, without one slip. But Christ has brought us out from under the doom of that impossible system by taking the curse for our wrongdoing upon Himself. For it is written in the Old Testament, 'Anyone who is hanged on a tree is cursed.'"

KENNETH W. VERTZ

Editorials

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given—in a Roman Catholic church, in a village of Judea, on a Jewish Sabbath, by Jewish musicians, singing and playing the music of the greatest of all Protestant composers of religious music. Roman Catholic, Orthodox Jew, and all Protestants were thus being united by music.

The closing sentence of his little speech revealed, however, how shaky the foundation was on which he was building his imaginary unified religion: "We may not all believe in Saint John, but we do all believe in John Sebastian Bach." It seems that it made little difference what Bach was trying to say, if only one loved

the way he said it. It wasn't the Lord's Passion that mattered; it was the sound of music that brought musicians and audience together.

The ecumenical movement is much like that. What matters are the expressions of fellowship, the cooperation in what is called church work, the exchange of pulpits, while the deep differences in doctrine are kept safely out of sight lest they disturb the fellowship.

There is no reason why Bach's music should not be played in Israel by Jewish musicians, and the music might have had some unifying influence if the young Catholic priest had dared to mention that it was Christ's Passion that inspired Bach's music. But then, that might have broken up the meeting.

ERWIN E. KOWALKE

Inspiration From The Word

There are many different types of conventions—industrial, political, academic, social. But, the thirty-eighth convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, held at Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin, August 4-11, was different from most. The difference was evident in the delegates themselves; they were men of devotion and diligence. The difference was evident also in the resolutions; they were not only plentiful but purposeful. The difference was evident in the very atmosphere of the convention hall; there seemed to be a certain seriousness and restlessness.

The convention commemorating the centennial of Northwestern, our preseminary training college, was different also from so many church conventions in the constant attention it gave to the Word and the inspiration it drew from the divine Word. In view of the doctrinal struggles of conventions in the recent past, one might have assumed that the Synod would be content to give less attention to the Word and become more pragmatic. Fortunately, this was not the case. Doctrine and practice are too closely related and interwoven. Mission work and worker-training find their motivation and inspiration in the Word. Appropriately, therefore, the theme of this convention was: The Doctrine of the Word, and the keynote was: The Sword of the Spirit—The Word of God.

This keynote was expounded aptly by Pastor Oscar J. Naumann in his presidential address. Basing his

remarks on Ephesians 6:10-20, urging the convention to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might by taking up the sword of the Spirit, he stated, "This weapon is modern, it is timely, it is relevant and not outmoded. On it alone we base our faith and our hope of salvation. With it alone we are able to rout the enemies that would misdirect our lives, hinder our service in God's kingdom, and destroy our hope for eternity. It is the sword of the Spirit, who works mightily through it. Its effectiveness lies not in our strength or in our good intentions, but in the power and might of God's Spirit. What more do we need?"

The delegates had been properly prepared to take up "the sword of the Spirit" in the opening service, held at St. Mark's Church. There Pastor John Jeske set the tone for the following week of meetings by proclaiming "The Savior's Last Word to His Church!" With the word of Revelation 22:10, "Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand," the chairman of the Board for Information and Stewardship described the Savior's last word as a word about His message to His Church and a word about His mission for His Church. There further strength for the impending tasks was gained also through the visible Word, the Holy Communion.

With the Lord the convention began its work. With Him it continued each day in each session, as the delegates drew further inspiration from the Word. In the

THE CONVENTION FLOOR presented this view. The voting delegates occupied about two-thirds of the floor area, the advisory delegates being seated behind them. The Convention Arrangements Committee, consisting of Northwestern College faculty members, went "all-out" to provide for an efficient conduct of business and for the physical comfort of the convention guests.



daily morning devotions, held in the College chapel, Northwestern professors focused attention upon the Word, the verbally inspired, inerrant, life-giving, enlightening, efficacious, and imperishable Word of our God. The hymns, responsive Psalm readings, and other Scripture readings all were like spokes of the wheel revolving beautifully about the convention theme.

Consistent with the theme and in keeping with the centennial observance of Northwestern College, the essays expounded "The Ministry of the Keys," leading up to Northwestern's role in this ministry. Professor Walter Schumann, in the first essay, described the essence of the Keys as the peculiar authority to open and close the doorway to heaven, to forgive the sins of the penitent and retain the sins of the impenitent. Professor William Zell, in the second essay, reminded the delegates that each single child of God possesses the Keys, that he is a royal priest who is everywhere and always to proclaim Christ. The third essay was delivered by Professor Erwin Scharf. His subject was "The Call to the Public Use of the Keys." The call, both necessary and divine, is a treasure to be cherished for its beauty and worth. The president of Northwestern, Professor Carleton Toppe, concluded the essays by tracing and describing "The Place of Northwestern College in the

Training of Future Candidates For a Call Into the Public Ministry." He said, "When you remember it in your prayers, this college will truly become your college, and as you do with all that is near and dear to you, you will commit this school of the prophets to Him who alone can keep it faithful and serviceable in its appointed role of preparing young men to exercise the ministry of the Keys, and who alone can use its labors to build His kingdom well."

Gratitude for Northwestern's role in the Synod and for 100 years of blessings was given expression in the centennial service on Sunday, August 8. Professor Erwin E. Kowalke, president for 40 and professor more than half of the 100 years, brought inspiration from Psalm 1:1-3.

After a week of far-reaching resolutions and decisions, involving millions of dollars and countless man-hours, all fears, worries, and anxious thoughts about our program for the morrow were dismissed as District President J. C. Dahlke, in the closing service at Trinity Church, brought our final inspiration from the Word, "We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God had before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

ROBERT VOSS

Action On Teacher-Training Facilities

At its August convention, delegates of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod gave a rising vote of thanks to just one of its 18 floor committees—Committee 5 on Teacher-Training Facilities. This was in no way a reflection on the other 17 floor committees, for they unquestionably did much excellent work for the Synod. The rising vote was simply an acknowledgment of the important, difficult, and sometimes wearisome work that Committee 5 did so capably in our name. This group of 22 men from throughout Synod began its sessions two days before the convention opened; it met frequently and long (some 80 hours) to discuss its weighty assignments; and it was forced to miss so many Synodical sessions that the convention almost welcomed them as "returning" brethren when they finally were able to rejoin the sessions.

Previous Efforts to Solve the Problem

To understand the work of this particular committee, one must remember that our Synod has for years been faced with a shortage of qualified teachers for its various schools. The Synod has certainly not ignored the problem in the past; in fact, many people had spent almost countless hours in trying to determine the best method of resolving this important problem. The Synod held a special convention in November 1962, just to consider the various recommendations in this particular matter. At that time a number of important resolutions were adopted, and the Conference of Presidents (including all District and Synodical presidents) was instructed to

appoint a committee "whose duty it shall be to weigh carefully the teacher-training facilities necessary to the conducting of our educational program both as to size and location."

Recommendations of the Committee (COTTF)

This Committee on Teacher-Training Facilities (abbreviated to COTTF) subsequently presented a lengthy report and recommendations with supplementary data to the entire Synod in May 1964. Two of its recommendations must be especially noted: "That Dr. Martin Luther College be developed . . . to serve the Church as a combination preparatory-junior college," and that "the Synod commit itself to the erection of a new four-year teacher-education institution on the so-called Milwaukee Bluemound property."

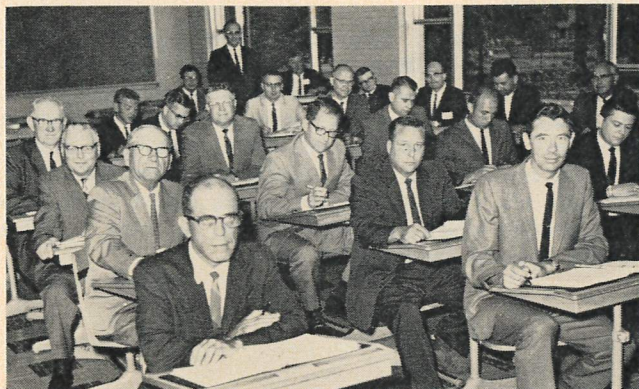
The Ensuing Debate

These recommendations caused much discussion and debate, as Floor Committee 5 stated: This report "has caused much discussion and debate, and, if our observation is correct, has caused feelings and emotions to run quite high on both sides of the Mississippi with 'sharp division of opinion.'" Understandably, many people within the Synod opposed the recommendation that Dr. Martin Luther College become a preparatory school and a junior college, especially since this four-year college has served the Synod faithfully for so many years. The boards and the faculties of Dr. Martin Luther High School and College prepared a special paper that pre-

sented objections to the COTTF's recommendation. On the other hand, a large number of our Synod members felt just as strongly that the COTTF's recommendation should be adopted.

The Floor Committee's Concerns

This problem of providing an adequate number of teachers for our expanding needs was then placed into the hands of Floor Committee 5, which was to study all of the pertinent data and to bring recommendations to the convention. Essentially their major concerns, as they themselves stated, were these: "1) The Synod's present and future needs for teachers and pastors, 2) How best to meet these needs with the funds that the Giver



THE FLOOR COMMITTEE WITH THE BIGGEST TASK—and the most delicate—was the one pictured here. They wrestled with the problem of teacher-training facilities through long, long hours. The chairman, Pastor John Dahlke, is standing at the rear.

of all good gifts places at our disposal through the membership of the Synod, and 3) That this be done in the best interests of the Synod and kingdom of God with unanimity of mind and purpose under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit."

Not Decided by God's Word

Throughout their discussions, Committee 5 was mindful of our president's words in his report to the convention: "Without a doubt this question (pertaining to teacher-training schools) is one of the most important decisions before our Synod at this time. . . The decision is not made for us in God's Word. Here the judgment of Christian brethren consulting together in Jesus' name, must decide. I have the firm confidence that our delegates will accept the decision that is finally reached and that they will return to their congregations to solicit the generous support of all our members for the work that the Lord laid before us."

After reading the immense number of reports and memorials and other materials regarding this question, after hearing many expressions of opinion, and after consulting with various board and committee members, the committee brought its long-awaited report to the Convention on Monday evening, August 9. Since the report has such far-reaching consequences for our Synod, all of it is being reprinted here, including the "WHERE-

AS's," since they present the clear and logical reasoning of the Committee. Please note: *the comments within the parentheses are by the writer—they are not a part of the original report.*

WHEREAS (a), The need for approximately 200 graduates at our teacher-training schools exists (Some speakers questioned the need for 200 graduates. The Committee was reluctant to use any figures or prices in its report, because they may be altered by future developments, but they did spend much time on this 200 figure—it represents their best judgment of our future needs, influenced no doubt by the need of 196 new teachers in 1965.), and

WHEREAS (b), The establishment of two teacher-training institutions on a permanent basis will help in recruiting the needed students (This point was questioned by some delegates who stated that Dr. Martin Luther College would be able to supply all of the needed teachers, if it were given the proper facilities.), and

WHEREAS (c), The financial picture in our Synod requires a program which is financially realistic, considering the building needs of both teacher- and pastor-training schools, and

WHEREAS (d), We must never lose sight of the money requirements of our expanding mission program, and

WHEREAS (e), The development for the present of two campuses is financially realistic and will approach the supplying of the needed graduates, and

WHEREAS (f), The retaining of DMLC's accredited status with the University of Minnesota as a four-year college is desirable, because it is helpful in meeting certification demands in certain states, and

WHEREAS (g), It is desirable that a flexible plan be adopted so that future conventions of the Synod have the freedom to determine the development of teacher-training colleges in view of needs and financial abilities at that time (The word "flexible" played an important role in the Committee's thinking.), and

WHEREAS (h), A junior-college campus can be planned so that it can be developed into a senior-college campus; therefore, be it

Resolved (a), That Dr. Martin Luther College be retained for the present as a four-year teacher-training college (Considerable time was spent on the words "for the present." It was argued that this phrase did not permit Dr. Martin Luther College to plan for the future with comparative certainty. But an amendment to strike these words was lost when several speakers said that this phrase would allow for an orderly development and later review. "Leave this matter in the hands of the Lord, and He will show us after a few years how we might best proceed."), and be it further

Resolved (b), That the multipurpose gymnasium-auditorium-student union-refectory building be built on the Dr. Martin Luther College campus, and that the vacated facilities be remodeled (Someone objected that this money might better be spent on world missions in these last days, but others pointed out that this project was decided in 1959 and reaffirmed in 1961 and 1963.), and be it further

Resolved (c), That the preparatory department (DMLHS) remain on the college campus for the present, and be it further

Resolved (d), That the enrollment of the preparatory department (DMLHS) be limited if it becomes necessary (There will be no limit of enrollment in the college department; the limiting of students in the high school will be done only if it becomes absolutely necessary.), and be it further

Resolved (e), That off-campus housing be used at New Ulm as an emergency measure, and be it further

Resolved (f), That Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College be established on its own campus as a junior college for the present (We presently have a junior teachers college at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee. We also own a site, but this resolution does not mean that the new junior college must necessarily be built upon the land we presently own, if something better becomes available), and be it further

Resolved (g), That an academic plant, without dormitories, be built for 250 students on the Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College campus, planned with later expansion in mind (There was considerable debate regarding the 250 figure, and some felt that this was too small, but, again, the Committee expressed its reluctance to use any definite figure. It stated that the "250" was not rigid; it was simply a guide, a broad figure.), and be it finally

Resolved (h), That off-campus housing be used by Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College as an emergency



INTENT ON THE CONVENTION'S BUSINESS—that would describe all of the delegates. Here the photographers caught two members of the Steering Committee: Pastor Roland Scheele, Flint, Michigan (left), and Pastor Norman Berg, president of the Michigan District.

measure. (This housing is owned and controlled by the Synod, so that discipline may be maintained.)

Before it presented its report, Committee 5 stated: "Whatever decisions are arrived at by this Convention, it is the earnest prayer of this Convention that they be accepted and supported by the entire constituency of our Synodical body. God grant this for Jesus' sake." Since these resolutions are now a part of Synodical policies, we can do nothing less than concur heartily with this statement and to act accordingly.

HAROLD WARNKE

World Missions

"A certain 'restlessness of spirit' is evidenced in our midst by the fact that we have entered with the Gospel into various world mission endeavors. . . .

"The prayer of our people: 'THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE,' has been heard by our Lord with the result that we have mission fields on *four continents* and are *preparing an entrance into a fifth continent* and our *59 missionaries* are preaching the Gospel in *seven languages*."

Thus began the report of Convention Floor Committee No. 10 on World Missions—a report which brought to the delegates many significant and far-reaching recommendations regarding our kingdom work in foreign lands. Never before in the history of our Synod has the Lord pointed out to us so many "open doors" into new fields of human souls in distant lands. Your delegates gave evidence of their gratitude to the Lord for the privilege of taking part in the work which He has set before us. They expressed their trust and confidence that God would give us the zeal, the men, and the means to enter these open doors. Resolutions were passed authorizing the calling of *eight additional laborers* for our world mission fields! To insure that these men can be called soon and that our fields of labor can expand quickly, we must all encourage one another to pay off our debt more rapidly than ever before—the debt which we owe to all men—the debt of which Paul speaks in Romans 1:14. *We owe all men the Gospel!*

Here is just a glimpse of how we can bring that Gospel to other parts of the world, and how we are already helping to do this work:

Literature Program

The printed word is playing an ever more important role in the work of world missions. Not only are Gospel tracts helpful in contacting lost souls, but other religious literature in the various native languages is essential to the work of "making disciples of all nations." An immediate expansion of the Literature Program in our world mission fields was approved by the delegates. Closely related to "literature" are audio-visual aids and radio broadcasts. These, too, are ways and means which are being used to bring Christ to more lost souls. These, too, are areas of mission work which we can support with special gifts and offerings.

Our Church in Germany

The Bekenntniskirche in Germany is a small Lutheran church body in fellowship with us. We have been assisting this group with budgetary funds. The future of the Bekenntniskirche, humanly speaking, does not appear very bright. It has been growing smaller in membership and is faced by various problems with regard to fellowship, administration, finances, etc. The convention, however, did not wish to desert our German brethren as a "lost cause." It was resolved to try to help

strengthen this church in its work. Therefore the Executive Committee for Germany was authorized to seek a theologically trained man who would study the problems of the Bekenntniskirche and encourage its members to continue to remain true to God's Word despite all opposition. This "interim director" is to report his evaluation and recommendations to the Executive Committee for Germany as soon as practicable. With God's help this church will rally in Germany and become an increasingly stronger voice of truth in a country filled with religious untruth. Pray for our German brethren!

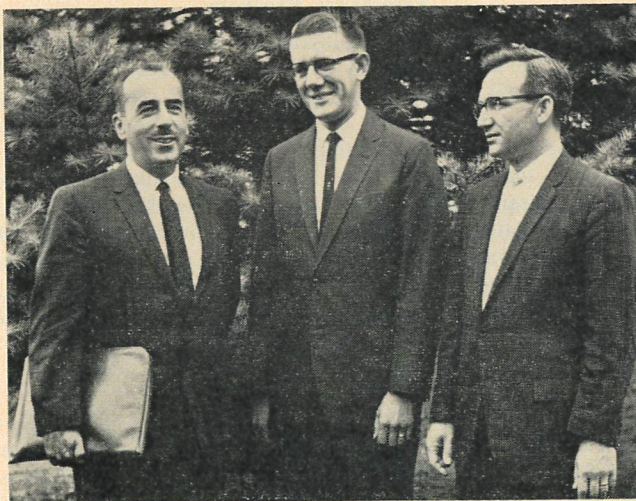
Our Church in Japan

Pastor Richard Seeger, one of our missionaries to Japan, visited the convention and reported on the work of the Lord which you, through him and the other WELS missionaries, are doing in that country of heathen religions. Radio broadcasts and the printed word have proven to be effective in spreading the Word of God in Japan. Our four American missionaries are receiving invaluable assistance from Pastor Yamada and Mr. Igarashi, dedicated Japanese Christians who are sharing with their own people the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ. The literature program in Japan is being intensified by mailing more sermonettes, printing newspaper slip-ins, distributing tracts, and using newspaper adds to tell the people of our church and its message. During the next two years additional radio broadcasts will give our church in Japan a potential of millions of listeners!

The latest statistics from this field in the Orient reveal 80 communicants, 101 souls, 100 in Sunday schools, 32 adults being instructed in the Word of God. *We are witnessing for Jesus in Japan!* The results are in the hands of the Lord. May He bless the work of His servants among the Japanese!

The Lutheran Church of Central Africa

On the "Dark Continent" the work of the Lord is proceeding at such a rate that the convention approved



REPRESENTING WORLD MISSION TASK FORCES in three countries were these men. They are (left to right): Missionary Ernst Wendland, Zambia, Africa; Missionary Richard Seeger, Tokyo, Japan; Missionary Rupert Eggert, Puerto Rico.

the calling of *five additional men* to work in Zambia and Malawi. At present our Synod supports six missionaries in Africa. In addition, the Rev. Theodore Kretzmann has accepted a call to complete the present staff of the Lutheran Church of Central Africa.

The Rev. E. H. Wendland, acting superintendent of this African field, was at the convention on furlough. His report to the delegates moved them to express their joy and gratitude to God for the blessings which He has been showering upon our missionaries' efforts in Africa. The need for additional help in this flourishing field was recognized, and the convention moved to alleviate that need. The Executive Committee for Central Africa was empowered to call two workers during the next 12 months and three workers for Africa during the following year.

One pastor is to be called to carry on the work of the men who leave Africa on furlough.

A lay missionary is needed and will be called to take care of the mechanical details relative to the production and mailing of literature. *The Northwestern Lutheran* has reported, in past issues, of the importance of providing the Africans with religious literature. One of our missionaries writes: "We must pour as much energy as possible into the printed Word of God. When new nations are doing much to teach their people to read and write, certainly this is an opportunity from God to fill these thirsty minds with the 'living waters' of God's Word."

A second pastor for the staff of our Lutheran Bible Institute at Lusaka, Zambia, is to be called soon. This school is used to train Africans so that they can work as teachers and missionaries among their own people. The development of a native church is important for the work in Africa.

The calling of *a vicar* to Africa was approved by the convention delegates. This man is to work in the city of Lusaka. We have a church building there which now houses an integrated congregation. The work is done in English. The called vicar is to do intensive work in Lusaka and at various government schools in that city. The present missionary in Lusaka already has charge of two congregations, is teaching classes at six schools, and has charge of the work at the Lusaka Hospital.

Also approved was the calling of *a third pastor* for Africa who is to expand the work of our missions into new fields. Around Lusaka there are large African compounds which are entirely untouched by us. They show great promise. "The fields are white unto the harvest." The opportunities facing us are countless! The time is short! Let us work while it is day!

Puerto Rico — Spanish Mission

The fifth continent into which our Synod is preparing an entrance (referred to near the beginning of this report) is the continent of South America. Under God, Puerto Rico will be a steppingstone into Latin America and South America, areas in which dwell millions of Spanish-speaking people thirsting for the true Word of God. Our two missionaries in Puerto Rico, Pastors Rupert Eggert and Roger Sprain, have now become quite proficient in Spanish. They have surveyed the field and have found a likely point of beginning in the eastern third of the island. The convention joined in asking the Lord to "bless the efforts of our 'missioners' in the Latin

American field as they enter upon their active mission work."

Work in the Spanish language continues also in our San Pablo Lutheran Congregation in Tucson, Arizona, V. Winter, pastor. Another man preparing for work in this area is Vicar Ernest Zimdars. Pastors Winter, Eggert, and Sprain have met to discuss mission work among the Spanish-speaking people. Future meetings were recommended by the convention delegates "for the mutual benefit of our men in these fields of endeavor."

The delegates agreed also that it would help our Spanish mission effort if this field were under the supervision of an executive committee. Therefore, in order that our missionaries might have the benefit of such a committee's guidance and encouragement, it was resolved that an Executive Committee for Latin-American Missions be established.

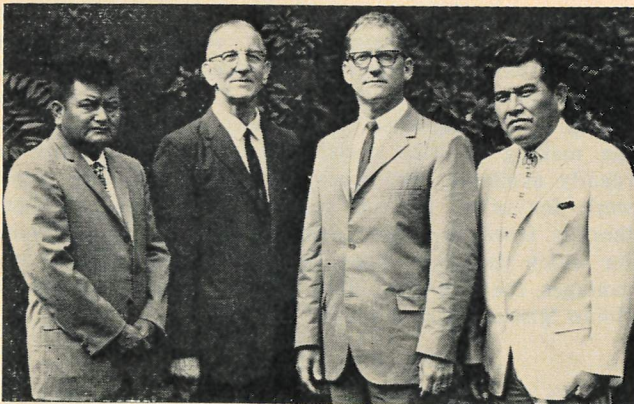
Apacheland, Arizona

God's blessings among the Apache Indians have resulted in a steady inner growth. The Christian Apaches have taken over more of the responsibilities in the life and activities of their congregations. Our 24 missionaries and teachers in Apacheland, sowing the seed of God's Word, are seeing the fruits of their labors. The miracles of the Word are there, "bringing forth, some thirty, some sixty, and some an hundredfold."

The East Fork Lutheran Nursery has also continued to receive rich blessings from the Lord. It has continued to fulfill its purpose, caring for the homeless and unwanted children of the area, in spite of the problem of obtaining help. The delegates resolved to thank God for His blessing upon this work, and to encourage our congregations, societies, and individual members throughout the Synod to continue to support this work with their gifts.

Hong Kong

Readers of *The Northwestern Lutheran* already are aware of the newest world mission field which the Lord has opened to our Synod. The report of the Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission (CCLM) in Hong Kong, China, was received at the convention with great interest. The



OUR WORK IN APACHELAND is emphasized in this picture. (Left to right) Mr. Warren Kessay, member of our church in Whiteriver, Arizona; Pastor Paul Behn, chairman of the Indian Mission Board; Pastor Eugene Hartzell, of the East Fork Mission; Mr. Harrison Porter, vice-president of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and president of our Peridot Lutheran Church.

Book of *Reports and Memorials* contains an informative and edifying overview of our work in Far East missions. In order that this material, written by Prof. C. Frey, might be available to as many of our members as possible, it was resolved that this report be printed in tract form, and that it be given wide distribution throughout the Synod. Watch for it!

Since our participation in the Hong Kong Mission program, under the Lord's guidance, began in a unique and wonderful way just a short while ago, no previous convention has had the privilege of discussing this work or encouraging its expansion. Therefore the first item resolved upon regarding Hong Kong was "that the WELS enter into the field of Chinese Missions by making the tentative interim Chinese Mission program of the Board of World Missions *permanent*." Also approved was a resolution to "establish an Executive Committee for Chinese Missions" to insure good administration and efficient operation of the CCLM.

Truly, the Lord has laid before our Synod unparalleled mission opportunities in the Orient. The Chinese-language field has a potential of hundreds of millions of people who have not heard about their Savior, Jesus Christ! God has provided us with an entrance into this field by showing us in Hong Kong this Lutheran church body which is in complete doctrinal agreement with us. To assist the CCLM in its vital work, our Synod will continue the program of friendly guidance and assistance begun by the Board for World Missions. The office of "Friendly Counselor" has been established. A pastor will be called to fill this office, and to serve also as a member of the faculty of the seminary at Hong Kong.

Because native church workers are essential especially in work among the Chinese, the convention resolved to help continue the operation of the CCLM Seminary and Church Workers' Institute. These train Chinese Christians to carry the Gospel to their own people.

In the interest of good stewardship and sound administration, your delegates to the convention agreed that it would be well to have a "lay adviser" who would assist the Friendly Counselor and the CCLM in financial and business matters relating to this mission field. This man is to serve for two years. The next convention of the Synod will decide what future course is to be followed with regard to this office.

Space does not permit a comprehensive report of all that has been and can be done in Hong Kong and in surrounding areas of the Orient—areas filled with teeming millions of poor in body and soul. The Lord has pointed us to this field. He wants us to labor there. Already in the CCLM there are over 1000 baptized souls and nearly 500 communicant members. The various churches and schools being operated by this body are effective mission arms, drawing others to Christ and to salvation. Radio broadcasting also proves to be very important in this field; regular Lutheran religious programs are being sent out over the "Voice of Salvation" radio network.

We who are blessed so richly by the Lord will surely want to help those who need our help so desperately. How can we refuse to answer this great need! It has been said that our Synod is "blossoming." God help us to carry on His gracious work among men throughout the world!

PHILIP JANKE

Home Missions

The Lord of the Church promised His servant Isaiah, "My word shall not return unto me void." Reports from the General Board for Home Missions presented undeniable evidence to the thirty-eighth convention of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod that the promise is as true today as it was in the time of the Prophet. Encouraged by the blessings of the past two years and confessing faith in the motto of this Convention, the delegates pledged the Synod to move forward in its mission endeavors during the next biennium.

Evidence of Blessing

Pastor H. L. Engel, chairman of the Board, and Pastor Ray L. Wiechmann, Executive Secretary, informed the Convention that the numerical growth in our home missions during the past biennium was greater than during any similar period of our history. This result of the Savior's blessing is borne out by these statistics for 1965: Children baptized, 985; adults baptized, 138; adults confirmed, 454; total communicants, 13,742; average contribution, \$93.32.

The following facts are significant too: 15 new sites were purchased or are being purchased. Twenty-six chapels are being built, and eight more will be started soon. All of this activity has brought the preaching of the Gospel and the teaching and practice of conservative Lutheran doctrine through our Synod into 24 states and three Canadian provinces.

Opportunities and Responses

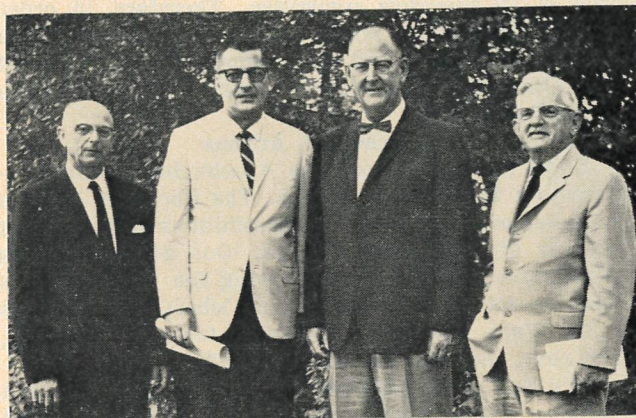
Indeed, the blessings have been great, but the Lord continues to place opportunities before us at an ever-increasing rate. Many appeals to enter other fields also "white unto the harvest" have been heard by our mission leaders. The fields from which these appeals come dot the countryside of our nation. What effect our wholehearted response to these cries for help could have upon our "preaching the Gospel to every creature" was stated optimistically by Secretary Wiechmann, who said, "We hope eventually to establish a network of Wisconsin Synod mission congregations in the key cities of our nation from coast to coast." Aware of the fact that the fulfillment of this hope will mean that the Gospel will be heard by more and more sinners, the delegates resolved "that this Synod grant its General Board for Home Missions the permission to expand in an orderly fashion" and encouraged "our Mission Board and missionaries to continue their energetic and orderly procedures with confidence in the Savior's promise."

The orderly expansion of our mission program is to take place according to a plan which makes each of the 50 states and specific areas of Canada the special concern of one of our 11 District Mission Boards.

Zeal with Wisdom

The delegates had to recognize, however, that our blessings and opportunities are greater than our readiness to supply men and money seems to be. Thus, they also cautioned that the Home Mission expansion program must of necessity be held "within the limitations pre-

sent by the availability of manpower and funds." But the shortage of workers and the limited finances available to do the work have caused our mission leaders to seek and to employ various means whereby we are able to meet our responsibilities more fully. Therefore, the Convention passed other resolutions that encourage the application of wise procedures so that our mission work may be done not only zealously, but also orderly and more effectively.



HOME MISSIONS AND WORLD MISSIONS are in balance here. (Left to right): Pastor Hilbert Engel, chairman, Board for Home Missions, and Pastor Ray L. Wiechmann, executive secretary for the same; Pastor Raymond Zimmermann, chairman of the Board for World Missions, and Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive secretary for this board.

Office of the Executive Secretary

The office of Executive Secretary of Home Missions was established on a temporary basis in 1963. It provided that a man, free from any parish duties, should devote full time to the complex task of administering our Home Mission program. The work done by the Executive Secretary during the past two years has brought about better communications between the Home Mission Board and the rest of the Synod. He has been able to set up a "clearinghouse" from which data, necessary for the making of wise decisions concerning missions, is readily available. His work has resulted in less detail work for other mission workers and these, in turn, thereby freed to spend greater efforts doing the work for which they have been called. In view of these advantages the full-time office of Executive Secretary of Home Missions was made permanent.

Chapel Expansion Loan

The Convention took note of the unique way in which mission congregations are aiding the establishment of new missions through the wise use of the Church Extension Fund and the Chapel Expansion Loan Fund. In short, it works as follows: a mission congregation finances its building project in part with CEF monies and in part with monies borrowed for them from outside sources. The interest-free CEF money is repaid first and

the borrowed money is repaid last. The amount of borrowed money is determined by the borrowing power of the congregation. In this way more units can be built in a given year with the available CEF money. Today the average mission congregation receives \$35,000 from the Church Extension Fund and \$15,000 from the Chapel Expansion Loan Fund, a total of \$59,000 per chapel. All land is purchased with CEF money.

Amalgamation of Congregations

In many areas of the Synod, smaller congregations have united into one parish. Consolidation of this type has permitted better use to be made of our pastors and has released more of them for work in the mission fields. The delegates expressed joy over the unselfish attitude of their fellow members in the smaller congregations which are not likely to increase in size. The Convention urged that similar attempts be made to bring about such amalgamations wherever possible.

Daughter Congregations

It is interesting to observe that this Convention praised a certain practice, highly regarded by our forefathers, as another way of aiding our mission endeavors. The practice is that of self-supporting congregations establishing daughter congregations in their own areas. Where this is done in an orderly way, much-needed mission funds are released to be used elsewhere and the mission-mindedness of our members is strengthened.

Other means to meet budget and manpower restrictions include the following: Teams of Seminary students are used to survey areas from which appeals for service come. Some missionaries offer outlying areas part-time services by traveling long distances. In some instances isolated families and small groups are sent tape-recorded services as an emergency measure.

Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel

For 44 years, the Madison Student Mission, a joint effort with the Missouri Synod, received attention at our conventions. It was reported to this Convention that the unhappy task of bringing about a dissolution of this joint project had been accomplished. But the delegates received with joy and thanksgiving the news that our own Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel and Student Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin has become a reality. Soon, a new chapel and student center building will replace the temporary quarters now being used. It was also reported that efforts are being made to serve permanent residents in the area of the Chapel and Student Center. So that the Chapel may serve these people and the students better, the formal organization of a congregation will take place during the month of September.

Forward!

The story of our Home Mission work is truly one of ever-increasing opportunities, but at the same time it is the story of a shortage of manpower and limited financial means. The delegates to this convention studied this situation carefully and understood its implications fully. In the end, they voted to move forward, to continue and to expand the work of home missions among us. They did this with the confidence that the members of the Synod would expect no less of them. They did this, furthermore, with the confidence that the members of the Synod would support this action by offering their sons and daughters to do the work, by offering their time and talents to provide for the work, and by offering their prayers to bring the Savior's blessing upon the work. In short, the delegates were confident that the members of the Wisconsin Synod believe that Lord's promise, "My word shall not return unto me void," and, therefore resolved only to act accordingly. ARTHUR J. SCHULZ

Convention Sidelights

The Umbrella Convention

In one way I suppose the convention just passed might be called the "Umbrella Convention." It rained several times during convention week, but it did not seem to dampen the spirits of the delegates.

As you know, the convention was combined with the conclusion of the celebration of the centennial of Northwestern College. The special service on Sunday was affected by the rain. The heavens opened just as the service was to begin. It was rather refreshing to see the way in which the service was improvised. In this age of smoothly functioning organizations and exact timing, it was good to see that we could still make the best of it when plans were upset.

The assembled congregation moved into the gym and took places in the desks provided for the delegates and crowded into the balcony. The band hurriedly assembled on the stage to lead in the singing of hymns. One could not help but be reminded of an outdoor mission

festival. There is something inspiring about singing with the band. Hymns take on new dimensions.

More Than Interested

There were a number of visitors in attendance at the convention who were more than interested observers. One of these was Mrs. Peter Chang, wife of the missionary through whom God has established a church in Hong Kong. This convention had the blessed opportunity to express the willingness of the Synod to take up work in this field. We can well imagine that Mrs. Chang offered up more than one prayer for the delegates and for this mission that is so dear to her and her husband.

Two others who were more than just interested were Wren Kessay and Harrison Porter, visitors from Apache land in Arizona. Neither of these men was in attendance as a delegate, but they had come a great distance to see how their fellow Christians back East would view the continuing work in this "world" mission within the boundaries of our own country. Mr. Porter is the vice-

chairman of the San Carlos Apache Tribe and Mr. Kessay a member of the staff at the school in Fort Apache, Arizona. Both are active in the work of their congregations at home. They hope to report to their own people on the work that the Lord is doing through their Synod throughout the world.

Sonic Booms

A number of times the work of the convention was disrupted momentarily by the sound of a plane breaking the sound barrier. President Nauman began to measure the length of evening sessions by the number of "booms" heard. One of them served to punctuate a report given by Pastor H. Engel, chairman of the General Board for Home Missions. He took us on what he described as a "quick jet-plane tour" of the Synod's many home mission fields. Shortly after he finished his report one of the "booms" sounded. It seems like a fitting reflection of the real mission "boom" the Lord is granting us as a Synod.

Tour of the Convention Hall

Perhaps you would like to take a quick tour of the convention hall. As you entered through the front door of the gymnasium and turned left, the first thing to greet you was the display of the Synod's Committee on Relief. (See photo.) As water flowed from one basin to another, ending up in one in which a globe of the world was placed, you could not help but be moved to see the importance of letting our love for the Savior flow out to others through the right use of many gifts He has given us, whether it be our faith and the pure Word or the time, talents, and treasures He gives.

Next came a display on Evangelism, putting before us the urgent need to reach others right in our own neighborhoods. How will we have a right kind of love and concern for those in distant lands if we have none for those who live next door? There is a mission work we can do in the city and country we live in. This is personal mission work, and the Savior calls us all to do it.



THE MESSAGE WAS PLAIN in this display erected by the Committee on Relief.

Closely related to this display was the one on home missions. How the Lord has blessed us during the past 10 years! He has led us into new states and new cities. Names hardly ever heard among us were commonplace at this convention: Florida, Texas, New Jersey, Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, Cleveland, Kalamazoo. A map showing all of our new missions made us realize that we are a growing church and brought the sobering thought that with growth we are faced with new problems as well as new opportunities. You could hardly keep from breathing a prayer that our Synod would not let this growth become a reason for yielding the truth, as has happened in a number of other Lutheran bodies in our own time. Let us spread our boundaries as God leads, but only because we seek His glory, not only because we like to see the name "Wisconsin Synod" on the bulletin board of a new congregation.

Bethesda Lutheran Home had a display near the northeast corner of the hall. Even though our Synod feels bound to go ahead with plans to develop such a home of its own, here was a tender but firm reminder that there are needs in the present that call for our help. We love the Word of our Lord. We are also reflecting this love by being willing to support this institution until such time as we can take care of our own.

From this display you walked across the front of the gym and past the neatly arranged rows of desks for the delegates. On the other side there were a number of displays for specialized ministries and the educational institutions. You will hear more about these in other reports. Again, it was just a little hard to believe: New mission opportunities! Great blessings on ventures already undertaken!

A series of pictures on the Japan mission assured the viewer that the work here is bearing fruit. However, growth alone is not the measure of such a mission. The Lord asks only that His messengers be faithful in speaking His Word. Near this display you would often see Missionary Richard Seeger, quietly tugging on someone's arm to appeal for donations toward the purchase of a piano for one of the congregations, or just smiling a friendly "hello" from our workers in this distant field of labor.

The same was true if you lingered for a while in front of the display for the East Fork Nursery. Pastor Eugene Hartzell from the Apache Indian Mission, and delegate to the convention, approached many with a word about this work and encouraged the use of the new memorial cards and offering envelopes. These were not pleas for an unfair share of the offerings you place in the plate each Sunday, but an appeal to your hearts to support work that would otherwise go undone.

Those who made these displays and encouraged everyone to see them were aware that a mere reciting of the needs would not move us to want to give. Only a deep appreciation for the great gift of forgiveness in Christ can move us to do this. It is important that we see the needs, however. Then we know where our love ought to be active.

The displays on our high schools and colleges, and the student mission at Madison seemed to stress expansion. This will mean more expense, but think of what it means in terms of blessings. Young people at the

feet of the Savior, hearing His Word, finding the one thing needful. Nothing pleases Him more than this.

Perhaps the most moving display was that on the Christian Chinese Lutheran Mission, not only because it was well done, but because it so pointedly pictured the urgent need of preaching the Gospel wherever possible

in these last days of the world. A few seeds of grain were all that were needed to show how many Chinese people look to Christ as their Savior. A large pile of grain stood for the millions who still bow down to idols of wood and stone, but who never speak a word to the Triune God in prayer.

KEITH HAAG

CAMPUS PASTOR Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Pastor Richard D. Ziesemer has accepted the call to be campus pastor in Milwaukee. Pastor Ziesemer previously served the Mt. Zion Ev. Lutheran Church in Ripon, Wisconsin, and at the same time served as part-time campus pastor for Ripon College.

He will direct his attention initially to the Wisconsin Synod students at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. A campus house has been acquired, located at 2118 East Linnwood Avenue, a few blocks from the University campus. This campus house is to be used for religious instruction classes, conferences with the campus pastor, and as a meeting place

for our students. The Aid Association for Lutherans has made a grant of \$1000 for lounge furniture and study facilities.

Pastor Ziesemer will extend his activities to include other educational institutions in the Milwaukee area, such as Marquette University, Milwaukee School of Engineering, and schools of nursing. Students registering at these various institutions should be sure to specify "Wisconsin Synod" on their registration cards in order to insure meeting with our pastor. Pastors are urged to call Pastor Ziesemer's attention to their members who are studying in Milwaukee colleges by writing him at 2680 North Summit Avenue.

Pastor Ziesemer will be installed into this campus ministry at St. Mar-

cus Ev. Lutheran Church, corner of Palmer and Garfield, on September 19 at 7:30 P.M.

Briefs

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Kretzmann was a professor at Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, from 1923 to 1945. He withdrew from the Missouri Synod for confessional reasons and became professor and president of the Orthodox Lutheran Theological Seminary (1952-1958) of the Orthodox Lutheran Conference. The author of more than 30 publications, Dr. Kretzmann was best known in our circles, perhaps, for his four-volume "Popular Commentary" on the Bible.

CALL FOR CANDIDATES

Since Prof. James Raabe has accepted a call to Woneoc, Wisconsin, a vacancy exists in the department of education at Dr. Martin Luther College. The Board of Control of Dr. Martin Luther College herewith invites members of the Synod to nominate candidates for this professorship. Please include pertinent information with your nomination. All nominations must be in the hands of the undersigned by Sept. 29, 1965.

Darrell Knippel, Secretary
DMLC Board of Control
3910 Stevens Ave. South
Minneapolis, Minn. 55409

CALL FOR ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS

The Board of Control of Michigan Lutheran Seminary herewith petitions the members of the Synod to submit names of additional candidates for the professorship in mathematics and physics for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Thomas Kriewall, who is continuing his studies for a doctorate.

The Board pleads with the members of the Synod to send the names of all qualified candidates with detailed information to the undersigned.

The nominating list will be closed on Sept. 10.

G. Cudworth, Secretary
34235 Blackfoot Lane
Wayne, Mich. 48185

ANNOUNCEMENT

Northwestern Lutheran Academy will begin its new school year with an opening service and registration at 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 7. All interested in Christian higher education, especially the parents of our students, are invited to be with us on that day.

R. A. Fenske

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dr. Martin Luther College and Dr. Martin Luther High School

The opening service for both schools will begin at 8:30 on Thursday, September 9.

All college freshmen should appear for registration on Monday, September 5, also all of those who are enrolling with us for the first time, except those coming from MLTC.

Registration of all others is set for Wednesday, September 8.

Carl L. Schweppe
Oscar J. Siegler

SCHOOL OPENING Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College

The 1965-66 school year at Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers College will begin with the opening service on Tuesday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m. The service will be held in the chapel-auditorium at 330 North Glenview Avenue. A cordial invitation is extended to all friends of Christian education to be present at the opening service.

Robert J. Voss, President

SCHOOL OPENING Northwestern College

Northwestern College will open its school year with a service in the gymnasium at 2 p. m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8. New students are to report at 9 a.m. that morning.

Carleton Toppe, President

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA STUDENTS

Please specify "Wisconsin Synod" on your registration cards. Pastors, please notify the undersigned of students from your congregation who are attending the University of Minnesota.

Pastor Daniel Westendorf
4711 Nicollet Ave. So.
Minneapolis, Minn. 55409

NAMES FOR MISSION REQUESTED Kalamazoo, Mich.

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church is now located in the northeastern metropolitan area of Kalamazoo. Services are at 10:30 at Spring Valley School, Mt. Olivet Rd. and Glendale Ave. Please send names of interested people living in the communities of Kalamazoo, Portage, Parchment, Cooper, Richland and Comstock to:

Pastor Elton R. Bickel
907 John St.
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001

A REQUEST—NEW JERSEY MISSION

If you know of any persons living in Metropolitan New York or Northern New Jersey who are thirsting for the pure Word of God, please send their names to our Wisconsin Synod Mission in New Jersey. Services are now being held at Maple Meade School in

North Brunswick, just two miles south of the Brunswick Circle on Highway 130. For directions or the time of service, call the pastor. Write or call Pastor Gary P. Baumlir
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RESULT OF COLLOQUY

Robert Gruetzmacher has submitted to a colloquy for entrance into the teaching ministry of our Synod and has been found to be in confessional agreement with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and is eligible for a call.

Michigan District President N. Berg
2nd Vice-President G. Press
Prof. M. Albrecht

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

MICHIGAN

SOUTHWESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE
Place: St. Paul's Church, South Haven, Mich.
Date: Sept. 20 and 21, 1965.

Time: 9:00 a.m. Communion service, Monday, 11:00 a.m.

Preacher: P. Hoenecke (alternate, A. Jeschke).

Agenda: Exegesis: I Pet. 5, J. Meyer; The Order of Creation as It Pertains to the Status of Man and Woman, W. Zarling; Exegetical-Homiletical Treatment of II Cor. 9:6-16, W. Westendorf; The Real Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ in the Lord's Supper, K. Vertz; Discussion of Lutheran Free Conference, F. Kneuppel.
H. Peter, Secretary

DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Time: Oct. 6-8, 1965.
Place: Immanuel Lutheran School, Flint, Mich.

Agenda: Achieving Working Harmony Between Sunday School and Day School, H. Zink; Personal Bible Study, Prof. E. Scharf; The Need, Building, and Use of the Christian Day School Library, D. Sebald and P. Kamke; The Lenten Evangelism Program, W. Valleskey; The Speaker at Divine Worship, D. Habeck; Inspirational Address, M. Toepel.
Milton Bugbee, Secretary

MINNESOTA

CROW RIVER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 28 and 29, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Place: Immanuel, Acoma Twp.

Agenda: Practical Angles of Presenting a Call to a Congregation, R. Roth; Sermon Study, Rev. 3:1-6, W. Haar; Isagogical Study of Micah, H. Klug; Exegesis of I Tim. 3, N. Sauer.

The speaker: J. Raabe; alternate: R. Roth.

W. E. Neumann, Secretary

NEBRASKA

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: Good Hope Church, 8711 S. 36th St., Omaha, Nebr.

Time: Sept. 28 and 29, 1965.

Agenda: Opening devotion at 10:00 a.m. Formula of Concord, Epitome, Article III, G. Frank; Exegesis of I Cor. 9, H. Lichtenberg; Exegesis and Application of Gen. 9:25, W. H. Wietzke.

Communion service Tues. evening; speaker, E. Lindemann

H. Lichtenberg, Secretary

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COLORADO MISSION DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 14 and 15, 1965; opening devotions at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, 655 S. Harlan, Denver, Colo.; W. H. Wietzke, pastor.

Communion service: Tues., Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m.; preacher: W. Krenke (alternate, H. Schulz).

Agenda: Convention review; various reports and essays.

V. Bittorf, Secretary

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SOUTHERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 28 and 29, 1965; opening session at 10 a.m.

Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, North Platte, Nebr.; M. Liesener, host pastor.

Sermon: H. Bittorf (G. Eckert, alternate).

Papers: Isagogical Treatise of Obadiah, D. Siewert; Article XXIV, Augsburg Confession, J. Erhart; The Beast of Revelation Exemplified by the Pope at Rome, R. Ehlers; Re-evaluation of Sponsorship, H. Schnitker.

Reports: Mission, Academy, Stewardship, Financial, Relief; 38th Biennial Convention of Synod.

Ronald N. Tischer, Secretary

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NORTHERN WISCONSIN

LAKE SUPERIOR DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 13, 1965 (Monday).

Place: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Hyde, Mich. (P. Kuckhahn, pastor).

Time: 9:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. EST or CDT.

Agenda: The reports of the delegates who attended the Wisconsin Synod Convention in August.

Richard C. Shimek, Secretary

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NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT MISSIONARIES' CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 27, noon — Sept. 28, noon.

Place: St. Paul's Church, Winneconne, Wis.

Agenda: Exegesis of I John, J. Plitzuweit; The Great Missionary's Look at His Work as Seen in the Epistle to the Colossians, H. Koch; Isagogical Presentation of Malachi, J. Radloff; Remarks by District Chairman and Questions of Missionaries.

Communion service Monday evening, G. Unke, preacher.

Carl Voss, Secretary

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RHINELANDER PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 13, 1965.

Place: Enterprise, Wis.; St. John's Lutheran Church.

Time: 9:00 a.m.; evening Communion service.

Preacher: E. Kahrs; alternate, J. Kingsbury.

Agenda: Glory of God, E. Leyrer; Micah, W. Hein; Continuation of the Study of Ephesians, F. Bergfeld.

J. Radloff, Secretary

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WINNEBAGO TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 23 and 24, 1965.

Place: St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, Wis.

Agenda: The Prophets to the Divided Kingdom, Myron Hilger; Prayer, Joyce Paulz (3, 4), Mrs. F. Mueller (1, 2), Mrs. C. Schwaké (K); Physical Education, Arvid Kramer, Jerry Gronholz; Effective Use of Bulletin Boards, F. Kieselhorst (5-8), Mrs. G. Vetter (3, 4), Mrs. G. Lampheer (K-2); Evaluation of Phonics Course, Mrs. R. Nelson, Beverly Gurath, Gloria Beckmann; Recruiting for Christian Day Schools, Prof. G. Heckmann.

Frederick Blauert

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 21-23, 1965, noon to noon.

Place: Calvary Lutheran Church, Bellevue, Wash.; Paul Pankow, pastor.

Speaker: L. Sabrowsky (G. Frey, alternate).

Agenda: Homiletical study of Col. 3:12-17, P. Albrecht; The Presence of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, E. Zimmermann; A Review of Liberal Trends in Missouri Synod Since 1961; Ways in Which Legalism Creeps into Our Ministry of the Word, Wm. Lueckel; Exegesis of Galatians, M. Teske; Report of Convention delegates.

Alternate essay: A Brief Review of Old Testament Types, P. Pankow.

David Bode, Secretary

SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN

DODGE-WASHINGTON PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: St. John's Lutheran Church, Woodland, Wis.; W. Schink, pastor.

Date: Sept. 14, 1965.

Communion service at 9 a.m.

Preacher: E. Froehlich (alternate: B. Hahm).

Essays: How the Canonicity of the Bible was Established, L. Tessmer; Old Testament Sacrifices, R. Biesmann; Exegesis of Gen. 9:14-29, W. Bartelt.

Alternate essays: Exegesis of Mal. 3, W. Croll; Augsburg Confession, Article 1, P. Huth; A Review of the Principles of Homeletics, C. Henning.

Carl J. Henning, Secretary

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METROPOLITAN NORTH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 27 and 28, 1965.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Newburg, Wis.; G. P. Kionka, host pastor.

Preacher: A. Mittelstaedt (W. Nommensen, alternate).

Agenda: Exegesis of I John 4, F. Zurling; Book review: "A History of Preaching in Britain and America," Prof. G. Hoenecke; Report on the Free Conference; Report on the Synod Convention; Presentation of Mission Fair books; other reports.

Paul A. Manthey, Secretary

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SOUTHERN CONFERENCE—DELEGATE MEETING

Place: Wilmot, Wis.; Peace Church; G. Endlerle, pastor.

Date: Sept. 12, 1965.

Time: 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Agenda: Report of Synod Convention delegates.

H. Wiedmann, Secretary

WESTERN WISCONSIN

SOUTHWESTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Time and Date: Sept. 19, 1965, at 7:30 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, Superior Ave. at Foster St., Tomah, Wis.; O. W. Heier and W. E. Schulz, pastors.

Agenda: Reports on Synod's Convention.

O. W. Heier, Chairman

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 21, 1965; 9:00 a.m.

Place: St. Paul's of Bangor, R. Siegler, host pastor.

Preacher: R. Siegler; alternate, E. Toepel.

Agenda: Exegesis: I Cor. 14:34, 35 and related passages; Homiletical: "The Rewriting and Final Draft of the Sermon"; Constructive Criticism of Phillip's "FOUR PROPHETS"; Preaching to the Senile and Mentally Deficient.

D. Kempf, Secretary

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WISCONSIN—CHIPPEWA RIVER VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Tues., Sept. 14, 1965.

Place: Grace, Green Valley; M. F. Sordahl, host pastor.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Speaker: W. Lange.

Agenda: Exegesis of I Tim., M. Schwartz; The Athanasian Creed, C. C. Kuske; The Status of Negro, D. A. Witte; Mission Reports, W. Lange.

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 21 and 22, 1965.

Place: St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Stoddard, Wis.

Communion Service: 9:00 a.m. (Theodore Kuske, preacher; Lloyd Lambert, alternate).

Papers: Differences in the Teaching of the Doctrine of the Church in the Light of Article 7 and 8 of the Apology, by G. Albrecht; Sermon Study of Rev. 2:8-11, by W. Gutzke; Exegesis on I Cor. 9, by A. Werre; What Part do Organizations in the Church Have in the Gospel Ministry, by N. Gieschen.

Harold A. Essmann, Secretary