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The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States assembled for its thirtieth Convention (being the fifteenth Delegate Synod) in Milwaukee, Wis., on June 20th. The opening service was held in Trinity Church, the Rev. H. Sprengeler, Pastor, at 10 A. M. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Vice-President Hilgendorf from Ps. 126, 3: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Very impressive was this whole service with its appealing sermon, the powerful choral song of the vast assemblage, including Luther's "Ein' Feste Burg," and the fine work of the choirs.

At 2 P. M., the business sessions were opened with Scripture and prayer. First of all, the venerable President, the Rev. F. Pfoth, read his presidential address, which we have translated and herewith give in full:—

President Pfoth's Address.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Amen.

Honorable and beloved fathers and brethren in the Lord.

Our Synod meets this year under very extraordinary conditions. In the world a terrible war is raging, in which nearly all the nations of the earth are engaged, so that streams of blood are flowing daily, and thousands, yea, millions, of human beings are being cut down by the sword, or by famine and pestilence. And in the Church preparations are being made for a grand Jubilee, to wit, the Four-hundredth Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation of the Church by Dr. Martin Luther. Both the World War and the Church Jubilee affect us deeply, since we are both citizens of our land and members of the Church.

With respect to the war, we Christians must use all diligence to have our judgments fashioned by the Word of God, which gives

us sufficient instruction in this regard. Then we shall remain sober-minded, humble ourselves before God, and repent; then we shall also possess our souls in patience, and calmly commit the issue of the battle to Him who ordereth all things according to His will, and who hath determined for all nations of men dwelling on earth their times and the bounds of their habitations. That the present war should above all remind us of the nearness of the Day of Judgment Christ clearly shows when in response to the question of His disciples: "What shall be the sign of Thy coming and of the end of the world?" He declared: "Ye shall hear of wars . . . in diverse places, men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth."

Although we are living in such troublous times, and all happenings are pointing to the end of the world, yet we Christians may not become slothful nor discouraged, but we must lift up our heads and be active. True, my brethren, nearly the whole territory in which our Synod is at work has been drawn into the area of war. In North America, Cuba, Australia, India, and Europe we have war and rumors of war. Lest we think that it would be useless for us at this convention to plan for the extension of Christ's kingdom the Lord tells us that even during war and rumors of war, during famine and pestilence, the Gospel is to have free course and is to be preached. "This Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." The signs of the times should urge us to labor incessantly and with all our powers, even as a farmer busily garners in the sheaves when he beholds the lowering clouds and the streaks of lightning, and hears the distant rumble of thunder. And in this work our members may not become lame for fear and expectation of things to come. We are Christians, and we know what is coming. The long-expected Last Day is coming. Our Savior is coming in heavenly glory to make an end of all earthly misery, and to take us into His eternal and blessed kingdom. And so the Lord calls to us: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

Accordingly, since we Christians may not grow weary in our Church-work under the stress of war, it is also fitting that we, as members of the Church, celebrate the Jubilee of the Reformation, even while our country is experiencing the misery and terrors of war. For what is the significance of the Reformation by Dr. Martin Luther? True, a whole stream of material blessing has gone forth from the Reformation into all the world, and is still flowing over the nations of the earth. But, after all, the real and chief benefits of the Reformation are spiritual and heavenly. Luther is the prophet of the latter days, who once more cleansed the fountain of Israel,

to break the tyranny of the Pope, and preached and reestablished these two great truths: that only God's Word may establish articles of faith, and no one else; and that we are justified before God and are saved apart from the deeds of the Law, alone by faith in Jesus Christ. Luther writes: "From this article we may yield nothing, let fall what will, even heaven and earth. For 'there is none other name given among men whereby we must be saved,' as St. Paul says, Acts 4, 12; and, 'By His stripes we are healed,' Is. 53, 5. On this article rests all that we teach and practise against the Pope, the devil, and the world. Hence we must be very sure on this point and have no doubts, else all is lost, and Pope and devil, and whatever opposes us, will carry off the victory."

Now our Synod, by the unmerited grace of God, is in full possession of the treasures of the Reformation. Therefore it is meet and right that we in this Jubilee year bring a special thank-offering to God with hearts and hands and voices, and that we also have Jubilee services in connection with this Convention. Of course, our celebrations must be conducted in a proper manner. On the one hand, we may not in pride lift ourselves above others who have not been so highly favored as we. On the other hand, we must not aim at making a show of big numbers and at gaining more recognition in the world, and to that end make common cause with those who are not inwardly united with us. We recall how it was the three-hundredth anniversary of the Reformation, in 1817, which gave occasion for undermining the Lutheran Church in the German countries, when Frederick William III, King of Prussia, brought about a union of the Reformed and Lutheran Churches. Also in our land voices are heard saying that on the occasion of this Jubilee there should be union; at any rate all synods having the name Lutheran should cooperate fraternally, irrespective of existing differences. God grant that our whole Synod and our individual congregations steadfastly resist all such temptations, in order that our celebration may be a clear and ringing confession of the full and infallible truth of the divine Word, and that we be encouraged anew to retain undiminished the heritage of the fathers, to defend it against all attacks, and to deliver it intact to our children. If this is to be done, then our church-papers and other publications must evermore sound forth the clear note, that men may know what we believe and teach. Then our professors in our educational institutions must let the Scriptures be the only sun to illuminate their instructions. Then our pastors and teachers must quietly and faithfully put forth all diligence to train up in church and school a people rich in knowledge, established in the Scriptures, and rejoicing in the Savior. Then the parents must see that their homes are ruled in piety, and that their children shall become rooted and grounded in

God's Word and Luther's doctrine. Alas, it cannot be denied that in some respects we are not as our fathers were, that there has been a let-up in confessional definiteness and earnestness, in the love to God's Word, in indoctrination, in the thorough instruction of the youth in the Catechism, and in the life of godliness. Oh, that we as a synod might remain faithful and hold fast that which we have! Against us are the devil, the world, and our own evil flesh, as also the history of the Church, which shows that the Gospel did not continue in any one place for more than a few generations. For us are the mercy and grace of God, through which He, without our merit or worthiness, desires to retain among us the treasures of the Reformation. During this Jubilee year, and particularly during the present convention, our prayer of faith shall be: "Let Thy dear Word, the bright and unchanging light that now shineth upon us, not be darkened or extinguished; but help us by Thy mighty outstretched arm, and keep Thy church and congregation amid so many adversities, that Thou mayest have also among us a people that shall know, honor, and worship Thee, and serve Thy holy name. We pray Thee, hear our prayer, Lord, and give ear to our cry, and be not silent over our tears; for we are both Thy children and sojourners in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen."

President's Report.

The President's address was followed by his report for the past three years. As this report furnishes a survey of the whole work of the Synod and gives an insight into the manifold duties of the President, we reproduce it in full.

STATE OF OUR SYNOD.

Three years ago our Synod numbered 2,500 pastors and professors, 4,100 congregations and preaching-stations, 950,000 souls, 575,000 communicant members, 2,260 parish schools, 1,100 teachers, 1,200 pastors teaching school, 96,000 pupils. The present numbers are: 2,740 pastors and professors, 4,170 congregations and preaching-stations, 972,000 souls, 599,000 communicant members, 2,310 parish schools, served by 1,120 teachers and 1,230 pastors, and attended by 96,700 pupils. The present Sunday-school enrolment of 85,900 shows an increase of 10,800.

In the previous triennium (1911-1914) the reported contributions by congregations for outside purposes (synodical treasures, missions, benevolences) amounted to \$2,385,000. During the past three years the sum of \$2,590,000 was reported.

While all the above figures give cause for joy, let us not forget that the Lord's statistics are different from ours. Scripture says: "O Lord, are not Thine eyes upon the truth?" and: "The Lord knoweth them that are His."

OUR DISTRICT SYNODS.

In the past triennium 43 District synods were held, 41 in North America and 2 in South America. One session of the Brazilian District and all synods in North America were attended by either the General President or one of the General Vice-Presidents. At all synods much time was given to doctrinal essays, in part such as were preparatory for the celebration of the Reformation; and all business was disposed of in a brotherly spirit. The District Presidents made provision for ample discussion of the matters of the General Body. To the glory of God it may be said that no separatistic spirit manifested itself in any of the many Districts, but that by the grace of God we still are "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

OUR COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES.

The usual visits were made to our educational institutions. These visits reveal how our gracious God has enriched and still loves our Synod. We have about 90 professors. Not only are they capable and efficient, but, what is more, they all are planted squarely on the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, and in their instruction keep in view the aim to train servants of the Church. And our 2,000 students are not only a fine lot of young men, considered physically and mentally, but they also yield to the discipline of God's Word. And since everything human is imperfect, it goes without saying that our institutions also have their shortcomings and faults, and are in need of corrections and improvements. May the Lord continue to bless our colleges and seminaries for the training of faithful workers for His vineyard!

OUR MISSIONS.

Our missions in North America, particularly the Home Missions, continue to prosper. In South America a gracious God has truly granted us an open door. When that missionary work is up for discussion, I shall give an oral report on my recent tour of inspection in South America. Connections with our brethren of the faith in Europe and Australia have been interrupted by the war and have now practically ceased. Similarly our Foreign Mission in India has suffered considerably. Our missionary work now extends over 1,733 stations, served by 657 pastors and a large number

of missionary helpers. For this work our congregations must raise \$375,000. This year 137 calls for pastors and 71 calls for parish teachers were submitted to Synod's Board of Distribution, whereas only 110 ministerial and 48 teacher candidates were available.

OUR FINANCES.

The report of our Treasurer shows that he skilfully handled a very large amount of money, which came together from all parts of Synod. Nevertheless, our principal treasuries need better support. Our Synodical Treasury still has a debt of \$23,000. Of the \$210,000 appropriated by the last Delegate Synod for the General Building Fund, \$45,000 are still lacking; and for the support of Home Missions in the poorer Districts only \$95,869.72 could be granted in place of the promised \$150,000. Regular and generous contributions toward the work in the kingdom of God is one of the fruits which the Lord looks for on the tree of our Synod.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS.

Our relations to the brethren in the Synodical Conference have remained unchanged. In territory where there are congregations of different Synods the relationship is, on the whole, becoming more and more cordial. The members of these congregations realize that they are of one faith, and they show this in their conduct. Inter-synodical unpleasanties have been very rare in recent years.

The status in the Norwegian Synod has become more and more grave. The Synodical Conference has taken this matter in hand. In the course of our sessions a report will be submitted on the recent convention of the Norwegian Synod.

VARIOUS MATTERS.

1. Instructions given me by the last Delegate Synod have been carried out. Thus I appointed a General School Board, also a Board for drafting a new Synodical Constitution. Both have submitted printed reports. Other committees created by Synod for specific purposes have all fulfilled the duties assigned them.

2. With the consent of our congregations, secured by a referendum, our College at St. Paul made a very advantageous exchange of a parcel of ground.

THE GENERAL PRESIDENCY.

During the past three years I not only made the prescribed visits to the District Synods and our educational institutions, but I also attended meetings of various boards and committees, besides conducting an extended correspondence. My colleagues in the Presidency have stood faithfully by me and did much work, especially during my visit to South America and my vacation last winter.

Synod sustained a severe loss in the death of Vice-President H. Speckhard, December 28, 1916. He died at the age of 57, after a brief illness, in the joyous faith in his Savior. Out of the midst of his labors he was taken to the rest that remaineth to the people of God. The departed brother had received splendid gifts from God, which he willingly placed at the service of Synod; and thus his death has left a large place to be filled.

Now may the Lord abide with us with His gifts and Spirit, and keep us pure in doctrine and sound in practise! Amen.

Roll of Members in Attendance.

The Committee on Credentials and the Secretary, after considerable difficulty, compiled the following roll of members in attendance. The reference figures back of names refer to the report of the Committee on Excuses.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
H. Birkner.	Carl Kipp.	H. A. Schaefer.	Robt. Martin.
E. H. Fischer.	A. Tietjen.	Wm. Schoenfeld.	Wm. F. Weber.
T. L. Frey.	Aug. Mayer.	A. Schulze.	Phil. Ehresmann.
O. Graesser.	Th. Lamprecht (½).	H. F. Stechholz.	F. Fanslau.
Chr. Merkel.	Oscar Borth (½).	H. Wehmeyer.	Carl F. Ketelhut.
	Julius Behn.	F. Willer.	Ed. Kuehn.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: Rud. S. Ressmeyer. O. Hanser.
Teachers: B. M. Krueger. O. W. Luedtke. Joh. Wassel.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastor.	Layman.	Pastor.	Layman.
P. E. Block.	H. Mennich.	W. Grunow.	—

ADVISORY MEMBER.

Teacher: K. F. Kuehnert.

CANADA DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
R. Eifert.	Amasa Winger.	A. Orzen.	Fr. Hartwick.
P. Graupner.	Robt. Knoll.	M. Russert.	—

ADVISORY MEMBER.

Pastor: Frank Malinsky.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
J. C. Ambacher.	Fred Krieger. ²⁾	F. Markworth.	Ed. Sudbrock.
M. C. Baade.	F. Schulze.	Geo. J. Meyer.	Jacob Scaer.
Paul C. Barth.	Paul Scholz. ¹⁾	A. F. Nees.	Otto Boerger.
G. Blievernicht.	Otto Kitzmann.	H. A. C. Paul.	C. J. Richmann.
E. Bliss.	H. Schumacher.	H. E. Plehn.	Val. Kimpel.
E. Bohn.	Jacob Tinnable.	A. Rump.	Herm. W. Schreiber.
P. Clausen.	Alb. Fiess.	E. R. Schuelke.	C. E. Turk.
E. H. Eggers.	Wm. Pollert.	J. Schumacher.	John Schneider.
C. Heidtmann. ¹⁾	Wm. Niederhaus. ²⁾	Theo. Schurdel.	Fr. Hagedorn.
F. C. Jordan. ³⁾	Walt. Guthmann. ¹⁾	Wm. Schust.	Nic. Kelsch.
H. Jungkuntz. ²⁾	W. Strodel.	P. Stoeppelwerth. ¹⁾	Hy. Hoffmann.
J. Keller.	H. E. Teckemeyer.	O. Stolzenburg.	John Schaefer.
H. B. Kohlmeier.	H. Buesching.	K. Trautmann.	Wm. Helminger. ²⁾
M. Kretzmann.	Fr. Wolf.	O. Turk.	Otto Bengs.
Aug. Lange.	Paul A. Wolf.	Ph. Wambsganss.	Carl G. Dammeyer.
H. W. Lothmann.	John Breetz.	R. F. Zimmermann.	Carl Blankschaen.
		H. Zorn.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: John Bescherer. H. C. Siegert. E. Kolbe.
Teachers: W. Birr. G. Duetemeyer. John Ehlers. Theo. M. Koscho.
 E. H. Munzel. Emil Pohl. F. Rechlin, Jr. F. Schroeder. A. C. Stellhorn.
 K. H. Strieter. E. H. Wallhausen. H. F. Wente. C. W. Widenhoefer.
 W. A. Wolf.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
E. Berthold. ¹⁾	G. H. Homann.	Theo. Lohrmann.	Julius Jordan.
E. Duever.	L. E. Renz.	M. Manteuffel.	H. Rewerts.
M. H. Guemmer.	John Stall.	A. F. Neuendorf.	John Einfalt.
G. D. Hamm.	H. Bornemann.	J. Sieving.	John Rogge.
J. Herzer.	Ed. Luedke.	P. Wilhelm.	Albert Taube.
C. Keller.	Jacob Wendling.	H. C. Witte.	Dirk Meyer.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Teachers: A. H. Buelzingsloewen. Paul Schaefer. R. Schoknecht.
 H. Schroeder.

EASTERN DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
W. Broecker.	J. Erlinger.	W. H. Oldach.	Jacob Neu.
H. Brustat.	H. Peters.	C. Poeckler.	C. Kanehl.
O. Burhenn. ¹⁾	Wm. Stuckert.	A. Saar.	Geo. Hickmann.
A. Dallmann.	Wm. C. Will.	E. J. Sander.	F. Riefsthal.
R. C. Franke.	H. Kolb.	W. Schmidt. ¹⁾	Aug. Strassburg.
D. M. Kleist.	Fr. Schultz.	H. Schroeder.	W. Rachow.
W. F. Malte.	J. W. Gallmann.	H. Stiemke.	
Louis Mueller.	Wm. Siemon.	Paul Succop.	

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Teachers: Rud. Bargmann. J. W. Bosse. G. Fleischmann.

ENGLISH DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
W. C. Burhop.	Henry Haesloop.	M. Kuegele.	J. Leschen.
W. H. Dale.	A. H. Rahenkamp.	Aug. Merz. ¹⁾	
Wm. Dallmann.	Louis Eggebrecht.	H. W. Prange.	A. G. Leonard.
J. A. Detzer.	W. F. Sachse.	G. Schuessler.	G. F. Huelseberg.
E. C. Fackler.	John S. Sherman.	C. J. Schuth. ¹⁾	Edw. W. Schoof.
E. J. Friedrich.	Chas. Dreyer.	H. C. Steinhoff.	— ³⁾
Arth. Hanser.	Geo. E. Altstedt.	Martin Walker.	
Rich. Jesse.	Aug. Foell.	J. F. Wenchel. ^{1,2)}	H. A. Pollack.
Fred Kroencke.	Edw. Germann.	J. Frankl. Yount.	

IOWA DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
R. H. Beer.	H. W. Meyerhoff.	L. A. Mueller.	Fr. A. Meyer.
A. H. Deletzke.	Albert Polzin.	H. Prekel.	Fr. Bahr.
Ph. Dornseif.	Oscar Reinhardt.	H. W. Saeger.	Fred Berg.
E. Fiene.	Aug. Consoer.	A. Schwitter.	Heinr. Rohde.
O. Horn.	Carl Meyer.	A. H. Semmann.	Ed. Beermann.
J. H. Iversen.	Geo. Harmening.	M. J. Von der Au.	Carl Trost.
H. Markworth. ¹⁾	Chr. Riese.	L. O. Walper.	Siegm. Matzdorf.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: J. P. Guenther. C. Pape. H. H. Hartmann.
Teachers: E. O. Bertram. Th. Mattfeld. H. K. Moeller. H. A. Stolper.

KANSAS DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
F. Busse.	Wm. Knut.	F. A. Mehl.	E. Simon.
Th. Droegemueller.	H. Eulert.	Theo. Meyer.	Fr. Kleile.
E. M. Frentzel.	C. C. Mueller.	O. H. Moellmer.	
G. W. Hafner.	Phil. Duy.	P. D. Mueller.	Hy. Stroh.
L. C. Hermerding.	Alb. Koepsel.	O. Stolp.	Wm. Rabe.
K. Karstensen.	Hy. Pralle.	H. J. Theel.	Aug. E. Hoyer.
O. Luessenhop.	Jacob Kraemer.	W. T. Vogel.	Hy. Block.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: H. H. Feiertag. A. C. Traugott.
Teachers: Aug. Lietz. M. F. Lueders. Rufus Schneider.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
G. Claus. ²⁾	Carl Krause.	M. J. Luecke.	M. Mueller.
E. H. Felten. ²⁾	W. Baumann. ²⁾	E. A. Meyer.	F. Nuechterlein.
H. Grueber.	M. Hansen.	H. E. Norden.	Paul Baermann.
T. C. Haessler. ¹⁾	H. Mauntler.	J. G. Nuechterlein.	J. J. Appold. ²⁾
W. F. Hagen.	Carl Tomke.	L. Nuechterlein.	Paul Schmidt.
E. Heinicke.	Aug. Liebert.	B. Potzger.	J. Mosner.
C. J. Krahnke.	Robt. Possner.	F. Schwede.	Anton Dick.
E. Lewerenz.	W. Rudolph.	C. W. Schoenow.	E. Adrian.
W. P. Lobenstein.	Carl Krause.	F. Tresselt.	Arno Miller.
O. H. Loeber.	O. J. Berlin.	A. Werfelmann.	C. F. Daske.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Teachers: G. Appold. A. Beyer. R. Fiedler. G. A. Jakobik. Carl Metz. H. W. Meyer. E. A. Wendt. W. Zeile.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
M. F. Abraham.	Martin Jaus.	H. Nauss.	F. Markwardt.
A. Bartz.	Theo. Hilpert. ²⁾	Wm. Nolte.	Hy. Mathews.
A. C. Bode.	Herm. Fermern.	C. Predoehl. ²⁾	—
E. Eberhardt.	—	F. Rathert.	Carl Beuch.
J. H. Hafner.	Daniel Winter.	W. F. Schneider.	Paul Neeske.
Aug. Hillger.	F. W. Meinke.	F. J. Seltz.	Bendix Kuehl.
Herm. Kelm. ³⁾	A. Klaus.	A. O. Strauch.	Herm. Steinbring.
A. H. Kuntz.	Wm. Volkert.	M. Waechter.	Aug. Holzheimer.
C. F. Malkow.	Fr. Reinke.	—	J. Koester.
J. C. Meyer.	Fr. Wendorf.	—	—

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: E. C. Bartling. J. Grabarkewitz. W. Kuehner. E. B. Meichsner. C. Messerli. Aug. J. Mueller. A. L. Oetjen.
Teachers: A. C. Cutosky. H. Ehlen. Cl. Ehlen. J. C. Krueger. A. H. Schaus.¹⁾ Aug. Sylvester. Theo. Wachholz.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
Geo. Allenbach. ¹⁾	Ed. Doerr.	W. Ludwig.	P. Glinsmann.
W. Brueggemann.	Louis Mueller.	S. Meeske.	Otto Raabe.
W. Butzke.	Aug. Junge.	A. Merz.	F. W. Klute.
H. Erck, Jr.	Ed. Wuerdemann.	H. E. Meyer.	Albert Heine.
L. Ernst.	Aug. Potratz.	H. Pflug.	Herm. Schuermann.
E. Gehrke.	F. Uttech.	E. O. Potratz.	C. Ude.
K. Kretschmar.	John Meier.	J. H. Schaefer.	Herm. Neben.
J. Kuchenbecker.	F. Schmidt.	H. Schulz.	Chr. Dittmer.
T. Lang.	Juergen Henningsen.	—	—

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: C. Germeroth. W. E. Landgraf. W. Mahler. R. Norden. Jos. Schulz.
Teachers: E. Frese. E. E. Hemmann. J. A. Hilgendorf. Theo. Rohde. J. J. Troester.

NORTH DAKOTA AND MONTANA DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
H. Hanser. ¹⁾	P. Bohnsack.	O. W. Rohde.	E. Heine.
Val. Kern.	Ad. Schlender.	Emil Ziegler.	Carl Brinkmann.
J. P. Klausler.	Herm. Prochnow.	—	Wm. Meyer.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: W. G. Ditzen. Wm. L. Kupsky. H. T. Rauh. M. W. Riedel.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
C. Abel.	Aug. Kruse.	F. W. Falken-	—
C. Becker.	C. Behrens.	roth ($\frac{1}{2}$).	Wm. Huelsberg.
Arth. H. Both.	G. A. Pudewa.	M. Nickel ($\frac{1}{2}$).	—
Aug. Burgdorf.	John Schwerin.	L. Gresens.	Michael Rissmann.
P. Doederlein. ¹⁾	Carl Wolff.	G. Groenow.	Geo. Kepplinger.

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
B. Hintz.	F. Herzog.	Wm. Roecker.	Rich. Menke ($\frac{1}{2}$).
Herm. W. Meyer.	Ed. Friedrich ($\frac{1}{2}$).	—	Wm. Lang-
—	Gust. Schulz ($\frac{1}{2}$).	—	reder ($\frac{1}{2}$).
L. J. Millies.	—	H. Roehrs.	Herm. Fick.
J. Molthan.	Fred Berner.	Carl Schmidt.	Wm. Homeier.
J. E. A. Muel-	—	L. Seidel.	Fr. Andres.
ler, Jr.	Matth. Becker.	R. L. Seils.	H. Droegemueller.
Wm. Mueller.	F. B. Buszin.	Theo. F. Siemon.	C. Hoff.
R. Piehler.	Hy. Pauls.	F. C. Streufert.	Ed. Homburg.
W. Pieper.	H. W. Busse.	A. C. Teyler.	J. W. Foehle.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastor: Paul Sauer.
Teachers: O. Baumann. W. G. Bewie. B. Bornhoeft. C. F. Brandt. H. Burmeister. A. G. Guemmer. H. Heyne. H. Matthes. Chr. Merken-schlager. Theo. Martens. B. W. Rubin. H. Schreiber. C. J. Schwanke. T. Wunderlich. Ed. Wagner. F. Ziegele.

NORTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
L. G. Dorpat.	Herm. Tews.	F. H. Kretschmar.	Wm. Guerra.
F. Forster.	A. Gruett.	P. Schedler.	Fr. Gericke.
F. J. Geske.	Fr. Schroeder.	F. H. Siebrandt.	Alb. Liskow.
O. C. Hartenstein.	Hy. Engelbrecht.	J. T. Mueller.	Carl Gutekunst.
A. Kirchhoefer.	O. Hoeft.	—	—

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: R. G. Finster. D. Jaeger. Otis Lang. F. H. Rotermund. C. Hesse. Carl E. J. Schmidt.¹⁾
Teacher: A. G. Felten.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastor.	Layman.	Pastor.	Layman.
W. J. Janssen.	F. Spiegelberg. ³⁾	H. H. Koppelman.	A. Muenchow. ²⁾

ADVISORY MEMBER.

Pastor: C. F. W. Schulenburg.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
F. C. Gade.	—	H. Nitschke.	Fred Wellnitz.
E. P. Hempel.	Ferd. Bierwagen.	W. Nitschke.	H. Heidenreich.
F. Leyhe.	O. Schamber.	W. Proehl.	Aug. Allgaier.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastor: F. W. Huesner. *Teacher:* F. W. Uffelman.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

VOTING DELEGATES.

Pastor.	Layman.	Pastor.	Layman.
Theo. R. Fehlau.	—	E. W. Kuss.	H. L. Frantz.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: J. H. Heisermann.³⁾ Ad. Wismar.
Teacher: K. E. Dube.³⁾

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
Aug. Bernthal.	J. H. Zimmermann.	Theo. Iben. ²⁾	M. Brackenhoff.
F. E. Brauer.	Chr. Burmeister.	U. Iben.	John Penning.
C. J. Broders.	A. H. Kleekampf.	C. Lange.	Hy. Fedder.
M. O. Burkhardt.	Louis Koelling.	Jacob Mueller.	Ed. Schrieber.
G. H. Haertling.	Julius Schrader.	E. Scharlemann.	C. Beckmann.
		T. Stiegemeyer.	Carl Kohlmeier.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: E. Baese.³⁾ Ed. Fischer.
Teachers: M. Grefe. G. L. Maschhoff. Alb. H. Meyer. L. C. Schaefer.

SOUTHERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
J. F. Boerger ($\frac{1}{2}$).	Geo. Haensler.	J. F. Rubel.	A. Scheunemann.
F. C. Giese ($\frac{1}{2}$).		F. A. Scharfberg.	H. Wangerin.
Mart. L. Guebert.	Wm. Seemann.	J. C. Schmidt.	John Schult.
C. F. Martens.	Geo. P. Held.	M. Schmidt.	E. Schneider.
J. Oesch.	Wm. Doege.	Paul Schroeder.	Alb. Voigt.
Ferd. K. Otto.	Louis Hilgendorf.	F. W. Wenzel.	Wm. Pritzlaff.

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastors: A. J. Grothe. G. Meyr. H. Rathjen. H. W. Ruege.
Teachers: M. E. Dobberfuhr. F. Erck. A. A. Grossmann. G. Jaeger.
 Mart. Leyhe. C. Peters. R. W. Petrowsky. G. Reineck. G. H. Strasen.¹²⁾

TEXAS DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
W. E. Dube.	H. Fehr.	F. Lammert.	M. Schwansch.
L. Heinemeier.	Aug. Beissert.	F. W. Siebelitz.	John Schmidt.
W. F. Klindworth.	H. Rasche.		

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastor: H. C. Biermann. *Teacher:* H. C. Griebel.

WESTERN DISTRICT.**VOTING DELEGATES.**

Pastors.	Laymen.	Pastors.	Laymen.
C. Bernthal.	W. Dierker.	F. W. Mueller.	Herm. Eichhorst.
E. Bultmann.	Jos. Scheperle.	Karl Niermann. ³⁾	Fr. Boehmer.
C. Daeumler. ³⁾	J. Rau.	C. Rehahn.	Fr. Wolfmeyer.
G. A. Fleiss.	Amos D. Meyer.	F. Rohlfing.	G. A. Frerking.
J. H. Fritz. ²⁾	W. Koenemann.	J. Roschke.	H. Block.
J. G. Griebel.	—	F. H. Rudi.	Aug. Lange.
H. Kellermann.	—	J. Schmidt.	Prof. J. H. Beckmann.
A. Kollmorgen.	H. Edinger.		
R. Kretzschmar ($\frac{1}{2}$).	Aug. Brauer.	P. T. Schmidt.	H. Kiel.
F. Weidmann ($\frac{1}{2}$). ¹⁾		L. J. Sieck.	L. V. Schneider.
A. M. Lohmann.	John Eifert.	F. Steyer.	Ben. Schaap.
M. Mangelsdorf.	W. Schulz.	Theo. Vogel.	H. Hertbrink.
E. Marzinski.	C. C. Branniky.	W. F. Wilk. ¹⁾	T. Thielker.
A. Miessler.	H. F. Twillmann.		

ADVISORY MEMBERS.

Pastor: F. W. Herzberger.
Teachers: H. A. Beiderwieden. R. L. Georg. G. Hoerber. L. Kuehnert. D. C. Maurer. F. W. Niermann. O. F. Peterson. Geo. F. Stohs. O. Wendt.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

A. General Body: Rev. F. Pfotenbauer, President; Rev. J. W. Miller, First Vice-President; Rev. P. Brand, Second Vice-President; Rev. J. Hilgendorf, Fourth Vice-President; (the Third Vice-President, the Rev. H. Speckhard, died December 28, 1916;) Prof. R. D. Biedermann, Secretary; Mr. E. Seuel, Treasurer.

B. District Synods: Presidents: Rev. E. E. Schulze (Atl.); Rev. G. A. Bernthal (Cal. and Nev.); Rev. W. C. Boese (Can.); Rev. Wm. E. Moll (Cent.); Rev. F. Brand (Cent. Ill.); Rev. F. C. Verwiebe (East.); Rev. J. A. Detzer (Engl.); Rev. Th. Wolfram (Iowa); Rev. Th. Juengel (Kans.); Rev. E. A. Mayer (Mich.); Rev. R. Koehler (Minn.); Rev. C. F. Brommer (Nebr.); Rev. F. Brunn, Sr. (N. Ill.); Rev. J. G. Schliepsiek (N. Wis.); Rev. T. Hinck (N. Dak. and Mont.); Rev. L. Stuebe (Oreg. and Wash.); Rev. J. D. Ehlen (S. Dak.); Rev. J. Kleinhans (S. Ill.); Rev. Ed. Albrecht (S. Wis.); Rev. G. J. Wegener (South.); Rev. G. Birkmann (Tex.); Rev. J. J. Bernthal (West.).

C. The General Board of Control: Rev. W. Hagen, Messrs. Benjamin Bosse, and Chas. H. May.

DELEGATES OF SYNOD'S SEMINARIES AND COLLEGES.

(Representing the Faculties and the Boards.)

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis: Prof. F. Pieper, D. D., President; Prof. L. Fuerbringer, Prof. F. Bente, Prof. W. H. T. Dau, Prof. E. A. W. Krauss, D. D., Prof. E. Pardieck, Prof. Theo. Graebner; President J. J. Bernthal, Rev. C. C. Schmidt.

Concordia Seminary, Springfield: Prof. R. D. Biedermann, President; Prof. Fr. Streckfuss, Prof. Theo. Engelder; President F. Brand, Rev. W. Heyne.

Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest: Dir. W. C. Kohn, Prof. O. F. Rusch; President F. Brunn, Rev. E. Werfelmann, Mr. Paul Schulze. *Teachers' Seminary, Seward:* Dir. F. W. C. Jesse, Prof. Paul Reuter; President E. F. Brommer, Rev. H. Miessler.

Concordia College, Fort Wayne: Dir. M. Luecke, Prof. W. H. Kruse; President W. C. Moll, Rev. A. Lange.

Concordia College, Milwaukee: Dir. M. J. F. Albrecht, Prof. C. Gaenssle; President Ed. Albrecht, Rev. B. Sievers, Mr. Fred C. Pritzlaff.

Concordia College, St. Paul: Dir. Theo. Buenger,²⁾ Prof. H. W. F. Wol-laeger, Prof. W. Moenkemoeller; President R. Koehler, Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim.

St. Paul's College, Concordia: Dir. J. H. C. Kaepfel, Prof. W. Schaller; President J. J. Bernthal, Rev. G. Moeller.

Concordia College, Bronville: Dir. H. Feth, Prof. G. F. Romoser; President L. Schulze, Rev. P. Roesener, Rev. W. Koepchen.

St. John's College, Winfield: Dir. A. W. Meyer, Prof. C. Scaer; President Th. Juengel, Rev. R. Miessler, Mr. J. P. Baden.

Concordia College, Conover: Dir. H. B. Hemmeter, Prof. A. Haentzschel. *Concordia College, Oakland:* President G. A. Bernthal.

Concordia College, Portland: Prof. L. Blankenbuehler; President L. Stuebe.

Concordia College, New Orleans: President G. J. Wegener.

DELEGATES OF MISSION BOARDS.

Home Missions in North America: Rev. C. F. Dietz, Sr., President Ed. Albrecht; Mr. Aug. Kringel.

Home Missions Outside of North America: Rev. Carl Schmidt. *Missions to Peoples of Foreign Tongues in America* (excl. German): Rev. J. D. Matthius, Rev. F. Markworth; Mr. Carl Dammeier.

Immigrant Mission: Rev. O. H. Restin, Rev. J. C. Borth. *Foreign Missions:* Rev. G. C. Barth, Prof. L. Fuerbringer, Rev. R. Kretzschmar, Prof. E. Pardieck, Rev. P. Roesener, Prof. F. Zucker.

Indian Mission: Rev. H. Maack. *Mission to Jews:* Rev. P. Roesener; Missionary N. Friedmann.

DELEGATES OF COMMISSIONS.

General Church Extension: Rev. F. W. Weidmann, Teacher Theo. Kuehnert.

General Support: Rev. Aug. Lange.

On Legacies: Rev. J. H. C. Fritz.

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE.

Rev. J. Bernthal, Mr. Edm. Seuel.

REPRESENTING "DER LUTHERANER."

Prof. Theo. Graebner, Editor.

REPRESENTING "THE LUTHERAN WITNESS."

Prof. Theo. Graebner and Rev. Martin Sommer, Editors.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXCUSES.

1) *Excused for arriving late:* Pastors Geo. Allenbach, J. F. Boerger, E. Berthold, O. Burhenn, Paul Doederlein, H. Hanser, T. C. Haessler, E. Heidtmann, H. Markworth, Aug. Merz, M. Nickel, Carl E. Schmidt, Wm. J. Schmidt, C. J. Schuth, Paul Stoeppelwerth, F. Weidmann, J. F. Wenchel, W. F. Wilk; Teachers F. Rechlin, A. H. Schaus, G. H. Strasen; Lay Delegates W. Guthmann and Paul Scholz.

2) *Excused for leaving before close of convention:* Dir. Theo. Buenger; Pastors G. Claus, E. H. Felten, J. H. Fritz, Theo. Iben, H. Jungkuntz, C. Predoehl, J. F. Wenchel; Teacher D. H. Strasen; Lay Delegates John Appold, Wm. Baumann, Wm. Helmlinger, Theo. Hilpert, F. W. Krieger, A. Muenchow, W. Niederhaus, Wm. Seemann.

3) *Excused for non-attendance:* Pastors E. Baese, Chr. Daeumler, J. Heisermann, F. C. Jordan, Herm. Kelm, H. F. Soeldner; Teacher K. E. Dube; Lay Delegate H. Spiegelberg; the Lay Delegates from Menfro, Mo., Buffalo and North Tonawanda, N. Y.; Delegate Albert from the Kansas District.

GUESTS.

Pastors: F. C. Ahrens, Th. Andree, C. W. Baer, A. W. Baumann, E. P. Beyer, A. Boll, W. A. Brauer, W. M. Czamanske, A. Daniel, Fr. Detzer, Alf. Doerffler, E. Eckhardt, F. H. Eggers, E. H. Engelbrecht, J. Fiehler, L. A. Fischer, R. C. Franke, H. Gaertner, L. J. Going, L. A. Grotheer, J. H. Haake, E. F. Haertel, H. Hagist, J. Halboth, H. Harms, Aug. Heerboth, F. W. Hoelscher, H. W. Horst, L. Jagels, F. W. Janzow, N. F. Jensen, H. A. Klein, P. L. Kluender, H. A. Koenig, Th. Kohn, G. F. List, P. Luecke, Jr., P. Luecke, Sr., Osw. Lugenheim, F. L. Mahnken, M. Mencke, O. Mencke, Alb. Menkens, A. C. Mennicke, F. H. Menzel, Chr. Meyer, E. H. Mueller, M. H. Mueller, J. F. Mueller, *P. em.*, G. S. Munding, W. G. Nagler, F. Nammacher, B. Poch, J. Porisch, C. B. Preuss, P. E. Ross, J. Salvner, E. R. Schauer, O. Schroeder, Th. Schliepsiek, Geo. J. Schmidt, O. Scholz, J. H. Schulz, A. C. Schwan, Louis Schwartz, A. G. Sommer, Wm. Suhr, W. E. Uffelmann, Nath. Uhlig, Emil Ulbricht, O. Ungemach, A. Wangerin, Tr. Wangerin, H. F. Wind, R. Winkler, C. Witschonke, T. Zoch, R. Zwintscher. — *Walter C. Meyer, cand. theol.; Victor Meyer, stud. theol.* — *From the Wisconsin Synod:* Rev. K. Buenger, Rev. C. Gausewitz, Prof. H. E. Meyer, Rev. B. P. Nommensen. — *From the Slavonian Synod:* Rev. J. Vojtko.

Teachers: Th. E. Breihan, M. E. Klausmeier, M. Kollmorgen, C. S. Marquardt, H. Zastrow.

Lay members: Wm. Gierra (Wis.), H. Heerboth (Ill.), H. Koll (Ill.), C. A. List (Mich.), Paul Meyer, Treasurer of North Dakota and Montana District; Dr. E. Muhly (Pa.), W. T. Scheffler (Kans.), Otto Zicker (N. Y.).

New Members.

The following were received into membership of our synodical districts:

Churches: 1. Zion Church, Kalamazoo, Mich.; 2. St. John's Church, Farmington, N. Y.; 3. Redeemer Church, Orange, N. J.; 4. Peace Church, Scranton, Pa.; 5. Concordia Church, Bronxville, N. Y.; 6. Emmanuel Church, Adell, Sheboygan Co., Wis.

(For conditions and recommendations with reference to Nos. 4, 5, and 6 see German Report.)

Pastors and Teachers received:—

Atlantic District: Pastors John N. C. Mohrmann, A. Schlifke, L. Luecke, G. Koenig, Louis H. J. Henze, Aug. F. Bobzin, B. W. Janssen, Herm. M. Mohr, Lazarus Jaure (Persian missionary). — Teachers P. Jungkuntz and E. Jackisch.

Canada District: Pastors Theo. Iseler, Fr. Wegener, Hy. Baumann, L. Hildebrand. — Teacher W. J. Gernand.

Eastern District: Teacher Arnold Hufnagel.

Michigan District: Pastors C. A. Rook, O. Sohn, Geo. Mueller, W. Speckhard. — Teachers W. C. Marten, Louis Schilke, Paul Kolander.

Minnesota District: Pastor Sam. Nicolaiski and Candidate Herbert Claus.

North Dakota and Montana District: Pastors R. Hudtloff, G. Mietke, J. Koch, E. Mix, M. Kauth, R. Beck; Candidates M. Berner, H. Burgdorf, Osw. Taege, A. Ulkus. — Teacher G. Ohlmann.

Northern Illinois District: Pastor E. Schmid. — Teachers E. Pott and Rich. Engelbrecht.

Northern Wisconsin District: Candidate Kurt Daib.

Oregon and Washington District: Pastors F. Braun, W. Leckband, G. W. Gaertner.

South Dakota District: Pastors E. E. Foelber, P. Weinhold, P. Engelbert.

Southern District: Pastors Louis Helfrich, Martin Schaefer.

Southern Wisconsin District: Pastor Fr. Raetz and Candidate A. A. Brux.

Western District: Pastor L. Jagels and Candidate J. Kunstmann.

Sessions.

The meetings were held in the Plankinton Hall of the Auditorium. Fifteen business sessions were held from June 20th to Friday, June 29th. Hours for sessions were: 9.30 A. M. to noon; 1.30 to 4 P. M. Each session was opened with a brief devotional

service, in which Pastors F. Brauer (Southern Illinois District) and W. Oldach (Eastern District) served as chaplains. The Milwaukee congregations, through the Ladies' Societies, served Synod with dinner in the Market Hall of the Auditorium.

Assistant Secretary.

The President appointed Pastor Martin Walker (English District) as Assistant to the General Secretary. In each session the Assistant Secretary read a brief report of the proceedings of the previous session. He has also prepared this English report for publication.

The Press.

Synodical Press Committee: For German papers, Pastor E. Eckhardt (Nebraska District); for English papers, Pastors H. P. Eckhardt and W. M. Czamanske (English District). *Der Lutheraner* and *Lutheran Witness* were taken care of by the editors.

Doctrinal Paper.

For a half hour in each of five morning sessions the Rev. Prof. F. Pieper, D.D., edified Synod with the reading of chapters from his doctrinal essay on "The Reconciliation of Man with God."

Committees.

Prior to the convention a 132-page book had been issued containing the triennial reports of all Synodical boards and financial officers; likewise petitions and overtures from boards and conferences. All such reports and overtures were given to special committees before being discussed on the floor of Synod. The following are the special convention committees appointed by President Pfotenbauer. The numbers employed in the following committee assignments refer to these printed reports and overtures. The first name in each case indicates the chairman.

COMMITTEE No. 1. — *Preliminary Committee. On Synodical Institutions and Funds.* Reports and overtures Nos. 101—113, 116, 203, 205, 206, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 601, 613. All District Presidents. General Board of Control. Pastors: Grueber (Mich. Dist.), Schuessler (Engl.), Horn (Iowa), Brustat (Eastern), Rubbert (N. Dak. and Mont.). Teachers: Wiersig (Kans.), Hemmann (Nebr.), Luedtke (Atl.). Lay Delegates: Burmehster (S. Ill.), Stange (N. Wis.), Jaus (Minn.), Wolf (Cent.), Pudewa (N. Ill.), Kiel (Western), Dirk Meyer (Cent. Ill.), Schmidt (Tex.). Advisory Member: General Treasurer Seuel. Chairman: President Schulze.

COMMITTEE No. 2. — *Constitutional Matters.* Nos. 401, 402, 404, 405, 406, 407, 409, 602, 801, 1003. Pastors: Birkner (Atl.), Broecker (East.), Tresselt (Mich.), Boerger (S. Wis.); Prof. Dau, Dir. Buenger. Teachers: Stellhorn (Cent.), Burmeister (N. Ill.), Schaefer (S. Ill.). Lay Delegates:

Richmann (Cent.), Volkert (Minn.), Trost (Iowa), Sherman (Engl.), Schamber (S. Dak.).

COMMITTEE No. 3. — *Credentials.* Pastor Rubel, Teacher Grossmann, Lay Delegate Held, all of Milwaukee.

COMMITTEE No. 4. — *In Charge of Elections.* Pastor Wambsganss (Central Dist.).

COMMITTEE No. 5. — *On Nominations* (incl. 901). This committee was elected by Synod according to the newly adopted regulations. Pastor J. H. C. Fritz, Pres. F. Brand, Pres. W. Moll, Vice-Pres. H. Erck; Teachers G. Hoerber, F. W. Niermann, A. C. Stellhorn; Lay Delegates A. G. Brauer, P. Wolf, Theo. Lamprecht, H. Mauntler.

COMMITTEE No. 6. — *Home Missions in North America. Immigrant Missions.* Nos. 301, 302. Pastors J. C. Meyer (Minn.), Claus (Mich.), Fischer (Atl.). Teacher Burmeister (N. Wis.). Lay Delegates Eifert (West.), Mennich (Cal. and Nev.), Hartwick (Can.).

COMMITTEE No. 7. — *Inner Missions in Foreign Lands.* No. 314. Pastors Schoenfeld (Atl.), Werfelmann (Mich.), Mahler (Nebr.). Teacher Kuehnert (Cal. and Nev.). Lay Delegates Rahenkamp (Engl.), Matzdorf (Iowa), Block (Kans.).

COMMITTEE No. 8. — *Mission among Deaf-mutes. Mission among Jews.* Nos. 313, 322. Pastors Kuss (South.), Graupner (Can.), Deletzke (Iowa). Teacher Wendt (West.). Lay Delegates A. Mayer (Atl.), Kruse (N. Ill.), Lange (Nebr.).

COMMITTEE No. 9. — *Foreign-tongue Missions. Mission among Indians.* Nos. 306, 321. Pastors Niermann (West.), Block (Cal. and Nev.), Mehl (Kans.). Teacher Jakobik (Mich.). Lay Delegates Reinhardt (Iowa), Pralle (Kans.), Nuechterlein (Mich.).

COMMITTEE No. 10. — *India Mission. Mission in China.* Nos. 324, 325. Pastors Streufert (N. Ill.), Jesse (Engl.), Hagen, Jr. (Mich.). Teacher E. Ehlen (Minn.). Lay Delegates Strodel (Cent.), Bohnsack (N. Dak.), Kolb (East.).

COMMITTEE No. 11. — *General Church Extension Fund.* No. 610. Pastors P. D. Mueller (Kans.), Schneider (Minn.). Teacher Uffermann (S. Dak.). Lay Delegates Riese (Iowa), Simon (Cent.), Ude (Nebr.).

COMMITTEE No. 12. — *Juvenile Literature. Young People's Societies.* Nos. 505, 1002. Professors Streckfuss and Kruse. Pastor Schurdell (Cent.). Teachers Frese (Nebr.), Guemmer (N. Ill.). Lay Delegates Alb (Minn.), Moeller (Mich.), Hoyer (Kans.).

COMMITTEE No. 13. — *Support and Pensioning of Invalid Pastors and Teachers and Their Widows and Orphans. Pension System. Report of Board of General Relief.* Nos. 605, 607, 608, 612, 614. Pastors Fritz (West.), Kretzschmar (Nebr.), Klausler (N. Dak.), Both (N. Ill.), Schedler (N. Wis.). Teachers Griebel (Tex.), Fleischmann (East.). Lay Delegates Beermann (Iowa), Heine (N. Dak.), Germann (Engl.), Liscow (N. Wis.), Spiegelberg (Oreg. and Wash.), Gallmann (East.), Heidenreich (S. Dak.).

COMMITTEE No. 14. — *Statistical Reports. Synodical Essays. Book of Concord and Other Publications. Report of Directors of Concordia Publishing House.* Nos. 501, 502, 503, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510. Pastors Wilhelm (Cent. Ill.), A. Dallmann (East.), Brauer (S. Ill.). Teacher Rechlin (Cent.). Lay Delegates Hoff (N. Ill.), Pollack (Engl.), Hilpert (Minn.).

COMMITTEE No. 15. — *Surplus in Treasuries. Auditing Account Books of Board of College Overseers. Participating in Work of Synod. Treasurer's Report. Legacies.* Nos. 604, 606, 609, 611, 615. Pastors Siebrandt (N. Wis.), Nitschke (S. Dak.). Teachers Krueger (Minn.), Ansoerge (Iowa). Lay Delegates Rissmann (N. Ill.), Peters (East.), Koelling (S. Ill.), Pritzlaff (S. Wis.), Rasche (Tex.), Schaap (West.), A. Taube (Cent. Ill.).

COMMITTEE No. 16. — *Report of General School Commission.* No. 201. Pastors Zimmermann (Cent.), Berthold (Cent. Ill.); Professors Reuter

and Gaenssle. Teachers Felten (N. Wis.), Beiderwieden (West.). Lay Delegates Scheider (N. Wis.), Kipp (Atl.).

COMMITTEE No. 17. — *Applications*. Pastors Kretzmann (Cent.), W. Dube (Tex.), Koppelman (Oreg. and Wash.). Teacher Fischer (Cent. Ill.). Lay Delegates W. Schulz (West.), Hickmann (East.).

COMMITTEE No. 18. — *On Appeals*. Synod first elected as a Nominating Committee Pastors Zimmermann, Sander, Horn, Teacher Niermann, and Delegate Mauntler. This Committee nominated the following five committees on the five appeals before Synod, which nominations were ratified by Synod.

A. *Appeal* (701) of *Pastors Brauer, Danitschek, and Koester*. Pastors M. J. Von der Au (Iowa), F. Kroencke (Engl.), O. Graesser (Atl.). Teacher M. Graebner (Mich.). Lay Delegate Mauntler (Mich.).

B. *Appeal* (702) of *Pastor Fuhrmann*. Pastors H. Schroeder (East.), Pres. J. D. Ehlen (S. Dak.), F. H. Rudi (West.). Teacher Mueller (Iowa). Lay Delegate Pudewa (N. Ill.).

C. *Protest* (703) of *Pastors Discher and Runge in the Springfield Matter*. Pastors P. Graupner (Can.), Wm. Dallmann (Engl.), P. D. Mueller (Kans.). Teacher C. Peters (Wis.). Lay Delegate H. Mennich (Cal.).

D. *Appeal* (704) of *Mr. Pieper, Edwardsville, Ill.* Pastors E. Kuss (South.), A. Bartz (Minn.). Teacher Th. Mertens (N. Ill.). Lay Delegates J. Kraemer (Kans.), H. Schroeder (Tex.).

E. *Appeal* (705) of *Mr. Folkers*. Pastors F. Keller (Cent.), Witte (Cent. Ill.). Teacher Niermann (West.). Lay Delegates Ed. Doerr (Nebr.), W. Volkert (Minn.).

COMMITTEE No. 19. — *Excuses*. Pastors Broders (S. Ill.), Dorpat (N. Wis.). Teacher Bertram (Iowa). Lay Delegates Daske (Mich.), Steup (Atl.).

COMMITTEE No. 20. — *Protest against Federal Law Prohibiting Transportation of Communion Wine*. Pastors Wm. Schoenfeld (Atl.), A. H. Deletzke (Iowa), Val. Kern (N. Dak. and Mont.), K. Kretzschmar (Nebr.), H. Schroeder (East.).

INSTITUTIONS.

(For names of newly elected professors and board members see lists pp. 82 ff.)

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

Report on attendance during past three years: 1914—1915: Students enrolled, 311; serving as vicars, 38; otherwise absent, 1; candidates entering the ministry, 87. — 1915—1916: Enrolled, 328; vicars, 39; otherwise absent, 8; candidates, 90. — 1916—1917: Enrolled, 344; vicars, 46; otherwise absent, 14; candidates, 87.

RESOLUTIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS.

1. If it is found that more room is needed for rooming the students, the Board of Supervision is empowered to utilize for this purpose the double residence of Professors Bente and Fuerbringer, and to erect two new residences for professors, at a cost of not over \$7,000 for each.

2. A campus or athletic field is sorely needed. A suitable field can now be secured near the Seminary for about \$7,000. The Board was authorized to make the purchase with the expectation that much of the money will be contributed by friends in St. Louis.

CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Attendance during the past three years: 1914—1915: Students enrolled, 206 (of these 32 are special students, preparing for foreign-tongue service in this country or for sister synods); out as vicars, 36; entered ministry, 26. — 1915—1916: Students enrolled, 196 (33 special); vicars, 47; entered ministry, 19. — 1916—1917: Enrolled, 202 (33 special); out as vicars, 44 for the whole year, 22 part of the time; entered ministry, 25.

A legacy of \$2,000.00 was received for needy students.

The Commons (or Service Building) for which the synods of 1911 and 1914 had appropriated \$15,000, could not be erected for lack of funds and rise in cost of building material and labor. A building is now being erected at a cost of \$23,000, to include kitchen and dining-rooms, and a small hospital with separate entrance. Class-rooms could not be provided for. The Central Illinois and South Illinois Districts have generously raised \$21,000 of above sum, and Synod voted the remaining \$2,000, with hearty thanks to these two Districts.

Synod appropriated \$700 for fencing in the campus and \$600 for cement walks.

The matter of regulating the salary and rent of Prof. E. Wegehaupt, special instructor, was left with the Springfield Board in conjunction with the General Board.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE AT FORT WAYNE, IND.

This school suffered two severe losses: the one in the death of Rector George Schick, Ph. D., who fell asleep in the Lord, January 3, 1915, after serving our Concordia as teacher of classics for nearly fifty-nine years; the other in the resignation of Prof. Aug. Crull, on account of age and illness.

Prof. Louis Dorn has been transferred to the chair of German; and Prof. George V. Schick, Ph. D., has been added to the Faculty.

ACTION.

Synod granted the request of the Board to retain beyond the regulated time the services of Assistant Prof. E. Schnedler, the salary to be determined by the local Board and the General Board of Supervision.

Synod gave a hearty vote of thanks to the loyal Lutherans of Fort Wayne for the generous gifts that resulted in the building of an \$18,000 gymnasium without expenses to Synod's treasury.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE AT MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Enrolment: 1914—1915, 202 students; 1915—1916, 201; 1916 to 1917, 181.

Of the \$9,000 appropriated three years ago, the Board used only about one-half, arranging toilets at a cost of \$4,500, plus interest of \$214.63, and deferring the building of a hospital and the leveling of the campus, for which more was needed than appropriated. Because of the high cost of everything at present, the Board will wait with the hospital; but leveling of the campus may at any time be required by the Board of Public Works.

The Board also requested increase of salaries of all professors and of the steward on account of the high cost of living.

ACTION.

The Board was empowered to have the campus leveled after consulting the General Board as to the cost.

It was left to the local Board to determine the salary of the steward, who also serves as baker.

With reference to salaries of professors, Synod adopted a resolution applying to all institutions, which see p. 28 f. under "General Resolutions."

CONCORDIA COLLEGE AT ST. PAUL, MINN.

The Board of Supervision reported that the ten acres of land lying across from the College buildings had been advantageously exchanged for fifteen acres contiguous to the College property. Synod ratified this exchange.

The Synod of 1914 had appropriated \$30,000 toward a new lecture-hall, with additional \$30,000 promised by the Minnesota District. The Board declared that with the rise in materials and labor no appropriate building could have been erected for \$60,000. Accordingly, the Minnesota District Synod of 1915 resolved to raise \$70,000 with the help of other Northwestern Districts. The Minnesota District secured subscriptions for \$33,433, with \$24,000 paid in; and the Iowa District has \$32,042 subscribed, with \$24,000 paid in. With the consent of the General Board of Supervision plans have been prepared and estimates secured for a building to cost approximately \$100,000.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Synod tendered a hearty vote of thanks to the Northwestern Districts for their generous support of the St. Paul College, and

Synod reappropriated its share of \$30,000 toward the above building; it also appropriated \$5,000 for remodeling old lecture-halls into dormitories, \$1,700 for installing electric lighting, and \$600 for cement walks.

ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE AT CONCORDIA, MO.

The Board of this institution reported a gratifying increase in students, but a very troublesome lack of room for properly housing them. Some of the students are occupying quarters intended for a hospital, and others are in rooms belonging to the steward's residence. The pastoral conference of Northwest Missouri and the Western District heartily support the request for a new dormitory for 200 students to cost \$60,000, of which sum the Western District guarantees to raise \$30,000.

ACTION.

The above request was granted, and Synod appropriated its share of \$30,000, but with the distinct understanding that more land must first be secured. Synod upon resolution petitions the brethren in Concordia, Mo., to provide the necessary additional land.

The sum of \$1,100 was voted for necessary improvements and extensions to the residence of Prof. Wm. Schaller.

A seventh professorship was ordered established at this institution.

CONCORDIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AT BRONXVILLE, N. Y.

While this school is on a level with our other "Colleges," the law of the State of New York does not permit the official use of the title "College" because our school does not meet all the requirements of the Regents of the State of New York.

Unfortunately there has been a loss in enrolment the past three years; but special efforts are now being put forth to secure an increase in students.

Prof. L. Schmidtke left the school to return to the pulpit; and Prof. George Romoser was added to the faculty. There being six grades with only six men in the faculty, the Director included, Pastor J. N. H. Jahn was secured as assistant professor, the Lutheran Education Society of New York kindly paying half of his salary. The Board requests a regularly appointed seventh professor.

Our nearest church being about two miles from the Institute, the Mission Board of the Atlantic District called Pastor F. P. Wilhelm to do missionary work in Bronxville and to establish a congregation there, especially to minister to the College. A congregation has been organized, and services are conducted in the College chapel.

With gratitude to God the Board reports that our fine Bronxville property is now free of debt. The following exhibit of expenses and receipts since the removal of the institution from Hawthorne to Bronxville is submitted:—

Purchase of Bronxville 13.915 Acres	\$ 52818.00
Construction of Three College Buildings	121900.00
Steam Heating	11375.20
Electrical Work	8905.98
Architect's Fees	4518.04
Furnishings and Laundry	11709.63
Finishing of Third Floor of Administration Building	2889.69
Cement Walks	2102.37
Grading	2077.39
Shrubbery	679.00
Underground Coal-bin	631.75
Taxes on Property	152.65
Foundation for Scales Presented by Weber-Bunke-Lange Coal Co.	80.00
Topographical Survey of Property	25.00
Water Tap and Cone	40.00
Gas Service Laid into Buildings	143.15
	\$220027.85

Toward the above we received \$41,929.91 from the sale of the Hawthorne property; from the Synod \$40,000 for a college building, \$500 for cement walks, and \$2,800 for finishing the third floor of the Administration Building. From the Eastern District we received \$5,613.87; and all the remainder, \$129,184.07, came from congregations, individuals, and societies (much of it through the Lutheran Education Society) in the Atlantic District.

The 1911 Delegate Synod authorized us to erect six residences for professors, if we could advance the money on satisfactory loans, provided the residences would not exceed \$6,000 apiece. But we had to expend \$41,037.75 on the six residences. The excess of \$5,037.75 will be covered by the Board through private subscriptions. Synod has paid us to date \$24,000 of its share, owing us at present \$12,000.

The sewer connecting the professors' residences with the town sewer cost us \$1,270.08, which cost Synod should assume. As our water-bills are very high, we believe Synod would save money if we were to establish our own water-supply.

ACTION.

Synod ordered a seventh regular professorship established at this school.

The expenditure of \$1,270.08 for a sewer was ratified, and the cost ordered paid out of Synod's funds.

The question of establishing a water-plant for the institution was referred back to the local Board, with power to act in conjunction with the General Board.

The Lutheran Education Society of New York was given a hearty vote of thanks for its splendid support of this school, and was encouraged to continue its good work.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE AT WINFIELD, KANS.

The Board of Supervision reported in substance:—

The Lord has been with us and blessed us and blessed our work in every respect. The number of students preparing for the ministry has increased. The new dormitory granted us by the last Synod has been erected, and the old building has been remodeled into a satisfactory lecture-hall. Through the kind help of our fellow-Christians we were also enabled to build a gymnasium.

While St. John's College, like all our synodical Colleges, aims primarily to prepare young men for the ministry, it, in addition, offers an academic course to girls, and besides conducts a Business Department. This Department, whilst under the control of the Board of Supervision and the Director, is conducted without any expense to Synod; in fact, the sum of \$250 was paid in the past three years into the synodical treasury as rent for the use of certain rooms. The enrolment at present is: Pupils in the College course, 109 (including 9 girls); pupils in the Business Department, 36 (including 16 girls).

LOCAL CASH RECEIPTS.

(From September, 1914, to March, 1917.)

Tuition from College students	\$1283.00
Tuition in Business Department	\$4003.29

Receipts from Legacies.

St. John's Endowment Fund:—	
Bird Legacy	\$200.00
Wilkening Legacy	250.00
Baker-Baden Legacy	200.00
	\$650.00
St. John's Indigent Students' Fund:—	
Baker-Baden Legacy	200.00
	\$850.00

ACTION.

Acting upon the request of the Board and the recommendation of the Committee, Synod created a sixth full professorship for this institution, appropriated \$5,000 for the residence of the Director, and increased the rent-allowance from \$16.66 to \$25.00 per month for each of the four professors. Synod declined to begin at the present time with the building of professors' residences.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE AT CONOVER, N. C.

The Board reported a present enrolment of 52, with 12 young men preparing for the ministry (these coming from the States of North Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and New Jersey). Necessary improvements and repairs have been made in all buildings, so that they are now in good condition. The campus was improved and a new well drilled. Through the kindness of a local

friend of the school the laboratory was equipped with physical and chemical apparatus. The residence of former Prof. Weiss has been purchased, according to resolution of Synod.

The two sums of \$2,000 and \$3,000 appropriated by the last Synod for residences of professors were not expended, because no residence could be secured at an acceptable figure, and also because of the condition of the synodical building fund.

ACTION.

In view of the fact that at present there is no opportunity for a satisfactory purchase of residences for professors, and because the General Board of Supervision does not deem a further investment of building funds at Conover advisable at the present time, Synod, upon recommendation of its committee, declined the Conover Board's request to sustain the previous appropriation for the next three years.

No special action was taken on the request for increases in the salaries of Professors Haentzschel and Smith, this being covered by the action noted under "General Resolutions."

CONCORDIA TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT RIVER FOREST, ILL.

After serving Synod 31 years, Prof. J. L. Backhaus had to resign owing to age, in June, 1915. Teacher E. H. Engelbrecht was elected to take his place, being installed October, 1915. On December 9, 1915, the Lord called Prof. F. Rechlin home. Teacher O. F. Rusch was called and installed in May, 1916.

Enrolment: 1914—1915, 192, 19 of these graduating and taking up their life-work in our parish schools; 1915—16, 200, with 19 graduates; 1916—17, 237, with 22 graduates.

ACTION.

Synod voted two new organs, needed because of the increase in students, who must have regular hours for practise as well as instruction in organ-playing. For one of these organs Synod appropriated \$2,000; the cost of the other was not determined.

A hearty vote of thanks was given the Lutheran Education Society of Chicago for spending \$10,000 the past three years in meeting special assessments on our River Forest property and in beautifying the campus with trees and shrubbery and otherwise. The L. E. S. was encouraged to continue in this laudable work.

CONCORDIA TEACHERS' COLLEGE AT SEWARD, NEBR.

The number of graduates in the past three years was as follows: 1914, 14; 1915, 20; 1916, 27; a total of 61 who entered upon their life-work in our parish schools.

Former Director Weller accepted the call into the eighth professorship, and Prof. F. W. C. Jesse was elected Director, assuming

office November, 1914. An assistant professor has been employed in the past year.

In accordance with Synod's resolution of 1914, improvements were made in the Commons, and two residences hitherto rented for professors were purchased. Unable to secure a satisfactory residence for Dir. Jesse, the local Board, with the approval of the General Board, built a residence at a cost of \$4,789.

ACTION.

The building of the above residence was approved and the expended sum appropriated therefor.

For a much needed hospital the sum of \$5,000 was appropriated.

The delegates of Nebraska reported that \$2,000 had been collected in the District for a large new organ needed at the College. Synod appropriated an additional \$1,000 for this purpose.

The faculty in Seward was given authority henceforth to colloquize men who desire to become ordained teachers in our schools, but are not graduates from our Teachers' Colleges.

CONCORDIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

This institution is the property of the Southern District. The property is now worth about \$8,000. But the District cannot maintain this school without support from the Synod. The enrolment has been rather discouraging, having been as follows: 1914—15, 8; 1915—16, 7; 1916—17, 6. Nevertheless eight students for the ministry have been sent to our northern colleges in the past triennium, who most likely would not have been secured without this school.

Dir. Niermann has returned to the ministry, and Prof. O. Reisig assumed also the duties of Director. Pastor F. Abel has served as instructor. At present Prof. Reisig is teaching alone. In place of the \$1,200 annual support only \$840 will be needed.

ACTION.

Synod appropriated an annual support of \$840, provided the brethren of the Southern District find it advisable to continue the school in New Orleans.

CONCORDIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AT PORTLAND, OREG.

This institute is the property of the Oregon and Washington District. It has a four years' course. Two professors are provided by Synod.

The average enrolment the past three years was 21; eight students were forwarded to our Eastern colleges. Whilst this enrolment

in itself is small, it is comparatively large, averaging one pupil to every 200 communicant members in the District.

No appropriations were requested. Synod continues to salary the professors.

CONCORDIA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE AT OAKLAND, CAL.

This school, with a four years' course, is the property of the California and Nevada District. Synod, however, calls and salaries the professors.

The Board of Supervision reported in substance:—

The Synod convened at Detroit in 1905 approved the plan of establishing a preparatory college on the Pacific coast. Hereupon the congregations of the California and Nevada District enthusiastically went to work, and already in 1906 had secured a property valued at \$5,500, and presented it to the District free of debt.

The Lord continued to bless the work. The number of students increased from year to year. To advance the interest of the school the Lutheran Education Society of California was organized. In a short time this Society purchased five acres, valued at \$11,300, and presented it to the District free of debt. In 1911 the District erected a building of reinforced concrete on this plot at a cost of \$35,000. Thus the California and Nevada District has a college property valued at \$50,000. The enrolment of students has reached 40.

Thus encouraged, the District and its Board believe it to be in the interest of Synod to elevate this school to the rank of our other colleges, to a six years' course, and to that end create immediately a new professorship.

ACTION.

Synod granted the school a third professor. The Board of Supervision is privileged to arrange provisionally a Secunda and a Prima for the next three years. The elevation to a full college was held in abeyance, awaiting results.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY AT PORTO ALEGRE, BRAZIL, SOUTH AMERICA.

Information on this school is included in the report of the Board for Inner Missions in Foreign Countries.

Synod appropriated \$1,200 out of the Building Fund for necessary repairs of the Seminary building; also \$150 from the Synodical Treasury for educational equipment.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS AFFECTING OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

With respect to the proposition of the Iowa District that for the next triennium no appropriations should be made for new buildings owing to present economic conditions (see Overture No. 116,

p. 27, of Advance Reports), Synod resolved to exercise all possible economy in all appropriations.

The Milwaukee Board of Supervision requested a scaling up of the salaries of all professors because of the increase of approximately 40 per cent. in the cost of the necessities of life, compared with the years when salaries were fixed (Report No. 104). Upon recommendation of Committee No. 1 Synod declined to order a general increase of the salaries of all professors, but upon motion encouraged the Boards of the several institutions to look into the salary question, and empowered them to grant increases according to the needs of each case, after consultation with the General Board of Supervision.

Accepting a proposition coming from the College of District Presidents and heartily indorsed by Committee No. 1, Synod passed the following resolution:—

"The General Board of Supervision shall publish as early as possible in each scholastic year a tabular report in *Der Lutheraner* and *The Lutheran Witness*. All the educational institutions of Synod are to be included in this report; schools belonging to Districts and Immanuel College (colored) belonging to the Synodical Conference shall be enumerated as such. The report shall specify: Year in which founded, number of professors and assistants, number of students, indicating (a) preparing to serve the Church, (b) preparing for other callings; income from tuition, value of property, cost of maintenance, repairs, new buildings, and whatever else may appear profitable to report."

Synod believed that the publication of such reports is due our Christians, who by their offerings have built and maintain these institutions. And it is hoped that these reports will serve to stimulate their interest and generosity.

Resolved, That henceforth all repairs to our College buildings be paid out of the General Building Fund, instead of, as hitherto, out of the Synodical Treasury. To meet an estimated cost of repairs for the next three years \$35,000 was appropriated from the Building Fund.

Resolved, That Synod henceforth furnish the local Boards of Supervision with the necessary books of accounts, in order to facilitate uniformity in their reports to the General Board.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL SURVEY.

An unusual number of overtures were submitted to Synod with reference to our educational system. This general interest was very gratifying. Synod deemed it wisest not to pass upon all propositions submitted at this convention, but instead to create a Committee on Educational Survey. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the General President, in consultation with the newly elected four General Vice-Presidents, appoint a Committee on Educational Survey, the number to be determined not by the Synod, but by the President together with the Vice-Presidents, as the conditions may require. This Committee should make a complete survey of all our educational institutions with respect to the educational standards and the courses of instruction offered, with special reference to English requirements. This Committee is to give consideration to all suggestions made in Overtures Nos. 203, and 212 to 217, as well as in other overtures bearing on educational matters, and in the reports of the Boards of the various institutions.

In the course of the convention the following matters were specifically referred to this Committee:

All requests for the addition of an "upper Prima" in our Colleges; also Overture No. 125, advising against the same.

Overture No. 129, calling for practical instruction in missionary work. (Meanwhile the Seminary Faculties are requested to make such provision as they can.)

Overture No. 120, requesting that German and English stenography be taught in all our Colleges.

Overture No. 206, requesting that steps be taken to secure an accredited standing for our Teachers' Colleges in their respective States, which would serve to give our teachers and schools a higher rating throughout the country.

Overtures having a bearing on the status of our Seminary in Springfield, Ill., Nos. 205, 212, § 3, and 213.

EDUCATIONAL MATTERS.

Report of the Commission on Schools.

(Condensed.)

The Delegate Synod of 1914 created a new Commission on Schools. The purpose was to quicken the interest in our parish schools, and to improve and standardize them as far as possible.

In conformity with Synod's resolution, all the Districts appointed District Commissions. These have been active in acquainting themselves with the conditions and needs of schools in their respective Districts, and have reported to, and cooperated with, our General Commission. We have held regular meetings, studied reports received, considered specially prepared papers, and have reported the result of our deliberations to the District Commissions, as well as in our church-papers.

What has been achieved? Primarily this, that the parish school question has again become a very live question. All District conventions gave much time to the consideration of the reports of their Commissions. How fitting that we, as a General Body, sitting as a Jubilee Synod, should give thought to our school system! The Christian school is a product of the Reformation. It was through Luther and the Reformation that a new impetus was given to the command of Christ: "Feed My lambs," even as to those other words spoken to Peter: "Feed My sheep." With what zeal did Luther labor in behalf of Christian schools, Christian instruction, Christian training! With all his other work he found time not merely to remind the proper authorities of their duty in the matter, and to urge the establishment and improvement of schools, but he personally made a visitation of schools. In speech and print he uncovered the shortcomings of the schools, and with rare insight and foresight he advised the people and the rulers in this matter. How ungrateful must we be, should we not remember this in these days! How foolish were we to forego for the future this God-willed and God-blessed instrument, which has been such a potent factor in causing an unlooked-for growth of our Lutheran Church in this country! How foolish we should be if over against our knowledge of these facts we were not willing to make the necessary sacrifices for the maintenance, spread, and improvement of our school system!

But are not our parish schools becoming unnecessary since our congregations are gradually becoming English? Now, such a question might be in place if our schools had been established exclusively or even primarily for the sake of the German language. But how can the language-question determine the necessity of an institution that has been conducted at a great sacrifice and with much success for the *Christian* instruction and *Christian* training of our youth? Or who would dare to say that home conditions, the tendency of the public school, and the public morals have become so favorable, that the Church might well dispense with its Christian school without suffering serious loss? Your Commission is unanimous in the opinion that particularly in our day do we need our Christian school for the education as well as training that it gives.

And since the gradual change over into English on the part of our German congregations is no reason for letting up in this important and necessary mission-work, it follows that congregations that already are entirely English must make adequate provision for the Christian instruction of the lambs committed to their charge, if they would do their full duty. And for this Sunday-schools do not suffice. In no case can there be a substitute for the Christian day-school. For such Scripture words as these: "Bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"; "These words

which I command thee . . . thou shalt teach diligently unto thy children"; "From a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures," — certainly presume a more intensive instruction in Christian doctrine than can be given in the Sunday-school. Therefore the District Commissions should seek to prevent the Sunday-schools from working injury to the parish schools. Sunday-schools should be regarded rather as missionary institutes and as recruiting stations for the regular day-school.

Every congregation should provide for a good school, a suitable building, all necessary teaching equipment, and capable instructors in sufficient number. District Commissions and Mission Boards should put forth efforts to have new schools established, or classes added to existing schools. Our fathers knew no other, no better way for founding and building up Christian congregations. Therefore they simply began with Christian day-schools wherever they settled; and the results fully justify their procedure. Let not their example put us to shame! Nor is it a favorable indication that so many of our pastors must still teach school. Our congregations should be taught that they owe it to their schools as well as to their pastors to engage teachers who have been especially trained for this work. Very large classes are detrimental to the children, who thus do not get the individual attention, and to the teachers, who are thus put under too great a strain.

In building new schools respect should be had to the modern requirements of space, air, light, and heat. An excellent set of building plans, compiled by Dr. Dresslar, may be had for the nominal sum of 50 cents. Address, National Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C. Congregations should also cheerfully furnish all teaching equipment (books, maps, etc.). Such expenditures bring good returns.

A serious evil is the poor salary paid to many teachers. This has compelled not a few to give up their calling. It furthermore harms the school in that the teacher is virtually compelled for the sake of his income to devote time and strength to outside work. And thus is lost the leisure and the love for personal preparation, advanced study, and for making visits. That should not be. Therefore the Commission recommends that congregations increase teachers' salaries wherever possible. With teachers securing more adequate salaries, we shall also find it easier to get boys for our Teachers' Colleges. Salaries of teachers should not be dependent on the income from tuition. Your Commission notes with pleasure the growing number of congregations that have done away with the payment of tuition, and that now pay all school expenses from the church treasury, thus causing all members of the congregation to contribute to the maintenance of the school. This change is heartily recommended for general acceptance.

A subcommittee of your Commission is now preparing a model teaching-schedule with the cooperation of District Commissions. It is of great importance to have a good schedule, and then to stick to it. Even instruction for confirmation should not interfere therewith. We recommend that the school-year begin not after Easter, but after the summer vacation.

The use of the same set of text-books will also help to bring more uniformity in our schools. Whilst local conditions must determine the choice, yet, as far as possible, books published by Concordia Publishing House should be used, or such as our Publishing House endorses. Criticisms, suggestions, and requests are always welcome. Synod desires to comply with these as far as possible.

If the above suggestions are generally heeded, our whole school system will continue the fine advance made in recent years. It is particularly gratifying that many congregations are adding the eighth grammar grade. Reports indicate that graduates from the eighth grade of our schools enter high schools without difficulty, and that they reflect very creditably on our schools. Wherever possible, congregations should add the eighth grade. Where one congregation cannot do it alone, several might cooperate. In some cities centralization, by which several congregations maintain a centrally located school, may be found advisable.

Synod through its Commissions is devising ways and means for the better organization and supervision of our whole school system. For the betterment of the school as well as for the encouragement of the teachers the schools should be regularly visited either by the pastoral visitor of the Conference District, or by some principal or District Superintendent yet to be appointed. Such visitation and supervision will bring our schools into closer touch with each other, and help to develop the whole system.

Above all, our Lord and Savior must lay His blessing on our effort. He must as hitherto fill our teachers with love to Himself, to their calling, and to the children. He must give to our congregations the conviction that this work is necessary and well-pleasing to Himself, as also the spirit of willing sacrifice to undertake and carry on this work. Then also this blessing of the Reformation will abide with us and our children.

THE GENERAL COMMISSION ON SCHOOLS:

F. PFOTENHAUER, *Chairman*.
W. C. KOHN.
F. W. C. JESSE.
W. E. MOLL.
O. KOLB.
F. RUENZEL.
O. F. RUSCH.

The committee in charge of the above report expressed its joy over the fruitful activity of the Commission, and heartily endorsed all its recommendations. Synod adopted this report with its recommendations.

In response to two overtures Synod decided to create a

COMMISSION ON TEXT-BOOKS.

Resolved, That a commission of five experts be appointed whose duty it shall be to secure the publication of necessary and suitable text-books for our parochial schools. They may designate conferences or qualified individuals to prepare manuscripts. Representatives of the various teacher-conferences shall prove and revise these manuscripts, together with this Commission, and forward the same to the proper Revision Committee, which, in turn, shall speedily prepare them for print.

Resolved, That the President appoint this Commission.

MISSIONS.

HOME MISSIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

All of our Districts do missionary work in their own territory, for which they have their own Boards and treasuries. Some Districts, however, are preeminently missionary Districts, and need for the carrying on of their work the financial support of the more established Districts. For example, the Minnesota District needs about \$10,000 a year for its extension work in Canada. The English District maintains its extensive missionary work without aid, excepting a total for the Southeastern territory of \$2,500 the past two years. The General Body has a Board to supervise the gathering of funds, and to distribute them proportionately to needy Districts. The Synod of 1914 resolved to raise these amounts: for 1914, \$40,000; 1915, \$50,000; 1916, \$60,000. The needy Districts arranged their work accordingly, and required the above amounts. Sadly enough, the offerings were only as follows: 1914, \$27,257.17; 1915, \$31,391.70; 1916, \$37,220.85, a total of \$95,869.72, over against the promised \$150,000. This shortage of \$54,131 seriously embarrassed the Boards of our missionary Districts, and many of our faithful missionaries suffered actual want. This may not be; this need not be. While the total contributed for General Home Missions is indeed a large sum, yet the Savior has blessed us richly in a material as well as spiritual way. Blessed abundantly, we should abound in the grace of giving. If every congregation will but do its proportionate share, sums far greater than the above will easily be gathered.

In April, 1917, the treasury showed a deficit of \$10,900. But realizing that Home Missions are one of our foremost duties, Synod adopted the following

RESOLUTIONS:

1. To appropriate for this treasury \$60,000 per annum for the present triennium.
2. To authorize the General Home Mission Board to appeal to each District for a fixed proportionate amount.
3. The Board is to publish about twice a year the needs of the missionary Districts.
4. The Board is to present either through its own membership or by proxy the cause of General Home Missions at the Conventions of each District.
5. The Board shall be required to meet on the day previous to each Delegate Convention with representatives of the various District Mission Boards and with the General Board of Church Extension.

ARMY AND NAVY BOARD.

Realizing our obligations to our young men who go forth to serve their country in the Army and Navy, Synod created a special Board for Army and Navy, to be appointed by the President. This Board is to make the best possible spiritual provision for our men in any branch of Federal service. The whole question of chaplains was given to this Board, with power to act according to their conscience and best judgment.

The President has since appointed these men to serve on this Board, and they have organized as follows: Rev. C. Eissfeldt, Chicago, Chairman; Rev. F. C. Streufert, 4317 S. Mozart St., Chicago, Secretary; Mr. F. Wolff, Treasurer; Rev. F. J. Wenchel, Washington, D. C.; Rev. D. H. Steffens, Baltimore, Md.

IMMIGRANT MISSIONS.

When the war broke out in August, 1914, our "Pilgerhaus" in New York City and the services of our missionary, Rev. O. Restin, were much in demand. From our far Western States, Wyoming, Arizona, Idaho, and California, as well as from Mexico, Guatemala, Brazil, and Africa, travelers came in an effort to get to Europe. Some succeeded; but many never left port. Of these some returned home. But many others remained in New York and soon were in need. Hundreds of seamen, cut off from their native country, appealed for aid to our Mission. With the help of Western brethren relief was afforded, and work was found for about 3,000 reservists, seamen, and travelers. When this big work of relief was completed, our Immigrant Hospice became almost deserted.

In earlier years many thousands of Germans, Scandinavians, and other immigrants received material as well as spiritual help in our

New York Immigrant Hospice. But in recent years immigration has been greatly reduced. Moreover, the Government now takes all immigrants in hand on Ellis Island, and forwards them to their destination without bringing them into New York. Conditions will be the same after the war. Thus the "Pilgerhaus" has served its purpose and is no longer needed. The missionary work among future immigrants can be managed from an office. Accordingly, the New York Board has sold the old "Pilgerhaus" property at 8 State Street, and Pastor Restin has established an office at 234 East 62d Street, New York City, where he should be addressed with regard to any immigration matters.

Pastor Restin submitted a detailed financial statement for each of the last three years. The three annual reports of the auditing committee were also received and accepted.

DEAF-MUTE MISSIONS.

Nine missionaries give all of their time to working among deaf-mutes, assisted by several pastors who serve regular congregations. There are 61 preaching-stations, reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. There are nine regular organized congregations that are partly self-supporting. The deaf-mutes are very grateful for the service rendered them, and in the past three years contributed \$3,000 toward Synod's Deaf-mute Treasury. Recently the work has been considerably expanded on the Pacific coast. An increasing number of State institutions for deaf-mutes is granting permission to our missionaries to visit inmates and conduct services. *The Deaf Lutheran* is a small monthly published in the interest of this mission.

The Board for Deaf-mute Missions requested: 1) annual support to the extent of about \$10,000; 2) that congregations be reminded of Synod's previous resolution to take up at least one offering annually for this work, the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity being recommended as the special day; 3) that in future volunteers be called for among the Seniors in our Seminaries, and these be given opportunity to prepare themselves in advance for the work among the deaf-mutes, and thus an adequate supply of missionaries be always ready for service.

The committee in charge of the Board's report sustained their requests, and the report was adopted by Synod. Likewise the Auditing Committee's report was adopted.

FOREIGN-TONGUE MISSIONS.

In this class are embraced the missions conducted in America in any but the English and German languages. Fourteen missionaries, under the supervision of subcommissions, work among the following peoples: Poles, Esthonians, Finns, Letts, Lithuanians, Slovaks, Persians, and Italians. The latest mission to be undertaken

is that among the Italians in and about New York. A converted Catholic priest, the Rev. A. Bongarzone, is the missionary, and he is operating in a promising field. He has published an Italian translation of Luther's Small Catechism.

These Foreign-Tongue Missions extend across the whole country and into Northwest Canada. Fields white unto the harvest are opening up at many places. The great need is for more men and more money. The latter is needed also to assist the missionaries in publishing helpful literature in their several tongues. From \$8,000 upward is needed annually for the support of the work on the present scale. Much more could be profitably spent. The missionaries must travel a great deal; and all of them are practising much self-denial.

Synod gave the Board instruction on several details, and authorized the appointment of the following to represent these missions in the several Districts; Atlantic District, Subcommissioners A. von Schlichten, Geo. Steinert, P. Lindemann; California and Nevada District, Rev. E. P. Block; Canada District, Rev. S. B. Eix; English District, Rev. F. C. G. Schumm; Iowa District, Rev. G. Schroeder; Kansas District, Rev. F. A. Mehl; Michigan District, Subcommissioners Werfelmann, R. H. C. Meyer; Minnesota District, Subcommissioner C. Predoehl; Central District, The Commission; Nebraska District, Rev. H. Schabacker; Northern Illinois District, Subcommissioners F. C. Streufert, A. Both; Northern Wisconsin District, Rev. H. Daib; North Dakota and Montana District, Rev. J. P. Klausler; Oregon and Washington District, Rev. J. A. Rimbach; Eastern District, Subcommissioner Chr. Kuehn; South Dakota District, Rev. E. G. Jehn; Southern Illinois District, Rev. F. C. Brauer; Southern Wisconsin District, Rev. O. Kaiser; Southern District, Rev. J. F. W. Reinhardt; Texas District, Rev. H. T. Kilian; Western District, Rev. J. F. Schmidt; Central Illinois District, Prof. Fr. Streckfuss.

The report of the treasurer of this Board was received and adopted with the reports of the Auditing Committees.

HOME MISSIONS OUTSIDE OF NORTH AMERICA.

These missions are denominated "Home Missions" because, though conducted in other lands, they are not "foreign" in the sense of "heathen," but are mainly among people of, or coming from, Christianized countries. The work is chiefly in the German language, though English, Spanish, and Portuguese are also employed.

IN BRAZIL AND ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

In Brazil 29 missionary pastors serve 112 congregations and stations, preaching to about 20,000 souls. Nearly every congregation and preaching-station has its own parish school. In Argentine

Republic five missionaries at present supply 31 stations. Large congregations have been gathered in Buenos Aires and Entre Rios.

For work in South America the Board expended in 1914, \$24,727.45; 1915, \$27,512.75; 1916, \$21,578.81. With more liberal support the work could be expanded with blessing to many.

The missionaries are now promptly forwarding semiannual reports on parochial and missionary work, as well as on all finances.

In Brazil we, some years ago, established a college at Porto Alegre. Within the past triennium a theological course has been added, and the first five graduates have already gone forth to preach the pure Gospel to their countrymen. The Brazilian congregations, though mostly very poor, are beginning to help support this school.

At the request of the Board, General President Pfotenhauer visited the South American field in 1916, and attended a session of the Brazil District Synod. His visit was productive of much good; the missionaries, most of them young men, and their charges, were advised and encouraged, and congregational and synodical matters were properly regulated. Even financially the visit was very successful, the expenses of the trip being covered within six months by the increased offerings in South America, with corresponding decrease of support from our Board.

At Synod's request President Pfotenhauer gave an oral report on his South American visitation. He spoke highly of the self-sacrificing work done by our missionaries in Brazil and Argentina, and declared the blessing of the Lord had rested upon their labors in abundant measure. All the men are overworked, and the great need is for more laborers. The President regards the whole South American field as most promising, and expects that, when the war shall have ended, our opportunities in Brazil will be bigger than ever.

Synod thanked the President for his address, endorsed the action of the Board in sending him to South America, and authorized the Board to have further visitation at its discretion, the expenses to be met out of the Mission Treasury. The sum of \$25,000 per annum was appropriated for the next three years.

Representatives of the Board for Home Missions in Foreign Lands: Atlantic District, Rev. C. Merkel; California and Nevada District, Rev. A. C. Michel; Canada District, Rev. P. Graupner; Central District, Rev. H. Luehr; Central Illinois District, Rev. O. L. Hohenstein; Eastern District, Rev. W. Broecker; English District, Rev. M. Walker; Iowa District, Rev. O. Horn; Kansas District, Rev. O. Mencke; Michigan District, Rev. F. Tresselt; Minnesota District, Rev. A. L. Oetjen; Nebraska District, Rev. A. A. Schorrmann; Northern Illinois District, The Commission; Northern Wisconsin District, Rev. H. Daib; North Dakota and Montana District, Rev. H. C. Lueker; Oregon and Washington District, Rev. H. Bohl,

South Dakota District, Rev. E. P. Hempel; Southern Illinois District, Rev. E. F. Koesterling; Southern Wisconsin District, Rev. J. F. Boerger; Southern District, Rev. H. M. Henning; Texas District, Rev. H. Studtmann; Western District, Rev. Ad. Vogel.

FREE CHURCH OF EUROPE.

The war has placed a great burden upon our brethren of the Free Church in Europe. It must have heartened them to find offerings for their support coming from us more liberally in the past three years than ever before. For the support of their church-work the following amounts were forwarded: 1914, \$4,821; 1915, \$8,840; 1916, \$4,525. For the relief of war sufferers these amounts were sent over: 1914, \$6,000; 1915, \$9,000; 1916, \$6,000. For the Red Cross there was forwarded in 1915, \$3,500; 1916, \$6,000.

Since our own entrance into the war all connections with Germany have been broken. Moreover, Pastor Michael's work in Denmark continues. And as we hope and pray for restoration of peace, Synod resolved to encourage our congregations to continue gathering funds for this treasury.

LONDON.

Pastor K. Knippenberg is now alone in London, Pastor Holls and Teacher Vornsand having returned to the United States. The mission-school is closed. Pastor Knippenberg is still preaching in Kentish Town and Tottenham. He has passed through three most trying years. Our Board several times secured for him and his work protection from our Government.

In 1915 the London Mission received \$800 support; in 1916, \$500. For the relief of war-suffering we forwarded and disbursed through our missionary: in 1915, \$1,100; in 1916, \$500.

Synod instructed the Board to send to Pastor Knippenberg and to all our workers in foreign lands our hearty greetings, with assurances of Christian sympathy, together with prayerful and active support.

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

Australia has its own Lutheran Synod, composed mainly of pastors and teachers trained in our institutions. For some years they have needed no support from us financially, until in 1915, when, on account of war conditions, they requested help and received \$500.

In New Zealand conditions are very much the same as three years ago. Our five missionary pastors and one teacher have followed our advice and joined the Australian Synod. Support granted: 1914, \$850; 1915, \$915.90; 1916, \$1,250.49. A noble legacy to this mission may soon relieve Synod of further financial support.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

The Board had been authorized by the Synod of 1914 to begin missionary operations in Panama and Guatemala, if found advisable. The Board is still observing these fields; but conditions there have not yet warranted the establishment of missions. Synod left this question with the Board.

JEWISH MISSION.

This difficult, but blessed work is restricted to Greater New York, where one-fourth of the population is Jewish. Missionary Friedmann, himself a convert, continues to bring to the Jews the Salvation that has come from the Jews, preaching the Gospel publicly and privately, over against much individual and organized persecution. Though the visible fruit is small indeed, we know the Word of God does not return void. We obey the Savior's command, and, relying upon His promise, must continue to operate this mission, and support it with our money and our prayers.

In January, 1917, Vice-President Miller visited the mission, and encouraged the missionary and the faithful Board that directs his work.

From the missionary's report we take these figures: Preached 161 sermons to total of 6,213 auditors; had 1,784 religious talks in Jewish homes; visited 3,170 families in New York and Brooklyn; received 3,364 Jewish callers in the mission chapel and 396 in the home; distributed gratis 5,162 tracts, 1,317 catechisms, 751 New Testaments and 2 Bibles; sold 153 New Testaments at 10 cents to inquiring Jews, also 49 copies of Luther's Catechism in the missionary's own translation; loaned 521 copies of New Testaments on deposits of 25 cents each to 521 Jews who had no other connection with the missionary. To the city missionary 200 copies of the Yiddish Catechism were given for free distribution to sick Jews in hospitals.

Thus much precious seed has been sown, and eternity will reveal some fruit now unseen.

INDIAN MISSION.

Our mission among the Indians on the reservation at Red Springs, Wis., has passed through troublous times. But the Lord helped graciously through it all. The visitation by the Committee appointed by the last Synod brought about a complete reorganization of the missionary work. Under the new missionary, the Rev. Otis Lang, a congregation has now been organized with 28 voting and 77 communicant members and over 200 souls. The members now use the envelope system for contributing toward the salary of the missionary. An average of 50 attend the service at Red Springs, and on alternating Sundays the Gospel is preached to about 15 Indians at both Morgan Siding and Neopit. Other preaching-stations are in

view. In the past triennium 34 children were baptized and 8 confirmed. Also 7 adults were confirmed, and 16 are now receiving instruction.

The mission-school is flourishing under the faithful work of Teacher Peetzke, 77 children now being enrolled.

New buildings and other improvements were sorely needed. Accordingly, upon recommendation of the committee, Synod made the following *appropriations*: for a new building, \$26,000; for a septic tank, \$250; for a water tower, \$1,200; for a stable, \$800—total, \$28,250. In view of the expansion of the work Synod made an annual allowance of \$8,000.

In this, as in all the foregoing missions, properly audited financial accounts were submitted to Synod's committee.

FOREIGN MISSION.

IN INDIA.

Statistics for 1916: Eleven main stations, all in South India; 61 villages, in which missionary work is done; average number of auditors, 2,301; catechumens, 1,756; baptized Christians, 1,378; communicants, 230; schools, 49; baptized pupils, 429; unbaptized pupils, 1,886; native helpers: one evangelist, 23 catechists, and 57 teachers from other denominations employed in the schools, and 47 heathen teachers for secular subjects in the schools. The last mentioned are being rapidly replaced by Christianized teachers.

The war has sadly impeded our work in India. Instead of the thirteen missionaries who were there, only nine are at present on the field. These are all overworked; whole villages are waiting to be served. Our missionaries there are working heroically and aggressively, and want the earnest support of our prayers as well as of our money; above all they desire the sending of additional missionaries.

Upon request of the Conference of our missionaries in India, Synod adopted the following *resolutions*:—

1) That prayers and collects for Foreign Missions be incorporated in the new Agenda.

2) That the congregations of Synod be encouraged to take up offerings for Foreign Missions not only at the annual mission festival, but also on some other specified Sunday, such as Pentecost or the Reformation Festival.

3) That our Board for Foreign Missions be encouraged, in addition to the articles appearing in our periodicals, to publish tracts about the work and progress in our Foreign Missions, in order to create more wide-spread interest in this blessed enterprise.

4) That missionary literature be separately advertised in the catalog of Concordia Publishing House, the *Lutheran Annual* (and the German *Kalender*), and also occasionally in our periodicals.

5) That a short course of lectures on Foreign Missions be established in our Theological Seminaries and Teachers' Colleges.

Synod directed the Board to transmit its heartiest greetings to the missionaries in the field.

Pastor J. A. Friedrich, who for a number of years served in the capacity of Director of Foreign Missions, felt himself constrained to resign. Synod ordered a hearty vote of thanks to Pastor Friedrich for his highly valued services, and decided to postpone the election of a successor because of present conditions. The General President and the Mission Board are empowered at their own discretion to appoint a new Director. In the mean time Pastor R. Kretzschmar, as Secretary of the Board, performs most of the duties of the Director.

Audited reports of moneys received and expended for missionary work in India, including the Mountain Home, were submitted to Synod and accepted. (See German report.) We here give only the totals received and disbursed: 1914, \$28,415.86; 1915, \$33,802.75; 1916, \$44,883.71.

IN CHINA.

Several years ago a Missionary Society was organized within the Synodical Conference to undertake the establishment of a mission in China. This Society sent as its first missionary the Rev. E. L. Arndt, and, as the Lord blessed his labors, later sent over Missionary E. Riedel. The work continued to prosper.

This Society then offered to turn over this missionary work to the Synodical Conference, which, in turn, requested a vote on this proposition from the member-synods. Concurring in the recommendation of its Committee, Synod declared its conviction that it would be better that a single synod, rather than the Synodical Conference, conduct this missionary enterprise; and, accordingly, Synod declared itself ready to take over the China Mission whenever offered by the Society conducting it.

NOTE. — Under date of September 2, 1917, President Pfotenbauer made the following announcements: —

"The China Mission, having been duly offered us by the Commission of the Evangelical Lutheran Society for Foreign Missions in China, has been taken over by the Missouri Synod and placed under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board. Pastor Rehwaldt, of the former Commission, has been added as non-resident member to our Foreign Mission Board. For the present the treasuries for Missions in India and in China will be kept separate; as soon as possible a member of our Board shall visit the field in China. The call issued by the former Commission to Candidate L. Meyer has been ratified by our Board, and Pastor Meyer is now in China."

CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS.

DRAFT OF NEW SYNODICAL CONSTITUTION.

The Committee appointed by President Pfotenbauer to draft a new Synodical Constitution, Prof. L. Fuerbringer, Pastor J. H. C. Fritz, and Mr. J. W. Boehne, had submitted the result of their painstaking labors in the official organs of Synod. Their draft was, in turn, referred to the Committee on Constitutional Matters. After spending much time on this important question, and adopting numerous minor changes suggested by the special committee, the Convention adopted the new Constitution, subject to the ratification of the congregations. The officially adopted form is given in the German report, pages 86 to 92. We give herewith our translation into English as published in the *Lutheran Witness*, Vol. 36, No. 20: —

New Synodical Constitution

of the

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MISSOURI, OHIO,
AND OTHER STATES.

Reasons for the Organization of a Synod.

1. The example of the Apostolic Church (Acts 15, 1—31).
2. Our Lord's will that the diversities of gifts should be for the common profit (1 Cor. 12, 4—31).

Article I. — Name.

The name of the body organized under this Constitution shall be: THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MISSOURI, OHIO, AND OTHER STATES.

Article II. — Doctrinal Basis.

Synod, and every member of Synod, accepts without reservation: —

1. The Scriptures of the Old and the New Testament as the written Word of God and the only rule and norm of faith and of practise;
2. All the Symbolical Books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as a true and correct statement and exposition of the Word of God, to wit, the three Ecumenical Creeds (the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed, the Athanasian Creed), the Unaltered Augsburg Confession, the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Smalcald Articles, the Large Catechism of Luther, the Small Catechism of Luther, and the Formula of Concord.

Article III. — Object.

The objects of Synod are: —

1. The conservation and continuance of the unity of the true faith (Eph. 4, 3—16; 1 Cor. 1, 10) and a united effort to resist every form of schism and sectarianism (Rom. 16, 17);
2. The extension of the kingdom of God;
3. The training of ministers and teachers for service in the Evangelical Lutheran Church;

4. The publication and distribution of Bibles, church-books, school-books, religious periodicals, and other books and papers;
5. The endeavor to bring about the largest possible uniformity in church-practise, church-customs, and, in general, in congregational affairs;
6. The furtherance of Christian parochial schools and of a thorough catechetical instruction preparatory to admission to the Sacrament;
7. The supervision of the ministers and teachers of Synod in regard to the performance of their official duties;
8. The protection of pastors, teachers, and congregations in the fulfilment of their duties, and the maintenance of their rights.

Article IV. — Powers.

Synod shall have legal powers —

1. To purchase, hold, administer, and sell property of every description in the interests of Synod;
2. To accept, hold, administer, and, if deemed advisable, dispose of legacies, donations, commercial papers, and legal documents of every description in the interest of its work, as afore said.

Article V. — Membership.

Membership in Synod is held and may be acquired by congregations, ministers of the Gospel, and teachers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, who accept the doctrinal basis of Art. II.

A. Voting Members.

All organized congregations that have joined Synod hold voting membership. At the meetings of the various Districts of Synod every congregation or parish is entitled to two votes, one of which is to be cast by the clerical and the other by the lay delegate. At the meetings of Synod proper a group of congregations, as specified in the By-laws, shall be represented by two delegates, one clerical and one lay delegate, each being entitled to one vote.

B. Advisory Members.

Advisory members are: —

1. Pastors whose congregations do not hold membership in Synod;
2. Assistant pastors;
3. Ministers of the Gospel not in charge of congregations;
4. Professors at Synod's educational institutions;
5. Teachers of Synod's parochial schools;
6. Candidates for the office of the ministry or for that of a teacher in the parochial schools.

Article VI. — Conditions of Membership.

Requisites necessary to acquire and hold membership in Synod are as follows: —

1. Acceptance of the doctrinal basis of Art. II.
2. Renunciation of unionism and syncretism of every description, such as,
 - a. Serving congregations of mixed confession, as such, by ministers of the Church;
 - b. Taking part in the services and sacramental rites of heterodox congregations or of such of mixed confession;
 - c. Joining the heterodox in missionary efforts or in the publishing and distribution of literature.

3. Regular call of pastors and teachers, and regular election of lay delegates by the congregations, as also the blamelessness of the life of such.

4. Exclusive use of doctrinally pure agenda, hymn-books, and catechisms in church and school.

5. No congregation shall be admitted to membership until Synod has convinced itself that its constitution, which must be submitted, contains nothing which is contrary to the Scriptures or the Lutheran Confessions.

6. Pastors, teachers, candidates for the office of the ministry or that of a teacher in a parochial school, not coming from recognized orthodox church-bodies, must, before they can be received into membership of Synod, submit to a colloquium.

7. Congregations, pastors, teachers, or candidates for the office of the ministry or that of a teacher in a parochial school are, as a rule, received into membership at the meetings of the Districts of Synod; but they may also be received at the meetings of Synod.

Article VII. — Relation of Synod to Its Members.

In its relation to its members Synod is not a governing body, exercising legislative or coercive powers. In all matters involving the Christian congregation's right of self-government, Synod is but an advisory body. Accordingly, no congregation shall be bound by any resolution of Synod that imposes something which is either contrary to the Word of God, or that to such congregation appears unsuited to its condition.

Article VIII. — Synodical Meetings.

A. Time and Validity of Meetings.

1. Synod convenes every three years for a regular meeting.
2. Synod shall be duly qualified to transact business, if the meeting has been constitutionally convened and at least one-fourth of the constitutionally elected representatives who are entitled to vote are present.

B. Special Sessions of Synod.

1. Synod may, under circumstances, decide to call a special session, if two-thirds of the duly qualified representatives present so vote.
2. In case of urgent necessity a special session may be called by the President with the consent of two-thirds of the District Presidents, or by three-fourths of the District Presidents without the consent of the President; provided, however, that all congregations and other members of Synod shall, thirty days prior to such special convention, be notified as to its purpose.

C. Validity of Resolutions.

All matters of doctrine and of conscience shall be decided by the Word of God only. All other matters shall be decided by a majority vote. In case of a tie vote the President may cast the deciding vote.

Article IX. — Representation.

The synodical meetings are composed of regularly elected and delegated representatives and of certain individual persons, as specified in the By-laws, to wit: —

1. Representatives of congregations entitled to vote;
2. Advisory representatives of the advisory members of Synod;
3. Advisory representatives of boards, commissions, and educational institutions, and all others whose official duties require their attendance at Synod.

Article X. — Officers.

The officers of Synod are:

A.

1. A President;
2. Vice-Presidents, as prescribed by the By-laws;
3. A Secretary;
4. A Treasurer;
5. A Board of Directors;
6. Other officers, as specified in the By-laws.

B.

1. The President, the Vice-Presidents, and the Secretary must be ordained ministers of the Gospel. The foregoing, as also the Treasurer and the members of the Board of Directors, must be members of voting congregations.

2. The time of service of all the officers of Synod shall extend from one regular session of Synod until the next, or until their successors shall have been elected and have entered upon their official duties.

3. Any officer or any member of any board or commission shall cease to be an officer of Synod, or a member of any board or commission of Synod, as soon as he ceases to be a member of a congregation which is affiliated with Synod.

Article XI. — Rights and Duties of Officers.**A. In General.**

1. All officers of Synod have such rights only as have been granted them by Synod, and are responsible to Synod for such rights and for the exercise of their official duties.

2. Synod shall at all times have the right to call its officers to account, and, if necessity arises, to dismiss them in accordance with Christian procedure.

3. Synod reserves the right to abolish any established office.

4. Conventions of Synod and of the various Districts shall have the right, in extraordinary cases, to elect a chairman other than the regular presiding officer.

B. Of the President.

1. The President shall exercise due supervision in regard to the doctrine and the administration of

- a. All officers of Synod;
- b. All others holding official positions in Synod;
- c. The various Districts of Synod;
- d. All the District Presidents.

2. The President shall see to it that all those persons just referred to shall comply with Synod's constitution; shall admonish such as do not; and shall report to Synod such as, in spite of admonition, fail to do so.

3. The President has, and always shall have, the right and power to advise, admonish, and remonstrate; he shall by all means rightfully at his command conscientiously seek to promote and maintain unity of doctrine and practise among the various Districts of Synod.

4. The President shall see to it that Synod's resolutions are carried out.

5. At the sessions of Synod the President shall

- a. Conduct the meetings, and shall see to it that all things be done in a Christian way and in accordance with Synod's constitution;
- b. Give a detailed report of his administration.

6. The President shall sign the official papers and documents in the name of Synod.

7. The President shall attend the meetings of the various Districts of Synod and assist them by his advice in their work; he shall report on the work of the various Districts at the next regular session of Synod.

8. The President shall perform all additional duties which Synod may enjoin upon him through its By-laws or by special resolution.

9. When pressing business matters that permit of no delay turn up between conventions of Synod, the President shall be authorized to submit the same for a vote to the congregations by means of the official synodical organs. In such cases at least one-fourth of the synodical congregations must register their vote.

C. Of the Vice-Presidents.

1. The Vice-Presidents shall, whenever requested to do so by the President, act in his stead.

2. In case of the disability, the deposition, or the death of the President, the Vice-Presidents shall, in the order of their rank of office, take the President's place, and, until the expiration of the regular term, exercise all the rights and the duties of the President.

D. Of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall

1. Keep a record of the proceedings of synodical conventions;
2. Draw up and sign the official papers and documents of Synod;
3. Perform such other work as Synod may enjoin upon him through its By-laws or by special resolution.

E. Of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer is the custodian of all moneys and commercial papers of Synod, and shall

1. Keep a record of all moneys received and expended by Synod;
2. Administer Synod's financial affairs as directed by Synod;
3. At any time submit for examination his books and vouchers to an auditing committee appointed by Synod or its officers.

F. Of the Board of Directors.

1. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than seven members, to wit: the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, one pastor, and three laymen.

2. This Board of Directors is the legal representative of the Synod and the custodian of all property of Synod, and shall be entrusted with the supervision and general management of all of Synod's business.

Article XII. — Districts of Synod. Regulations.

1. Synod shall be divided into Districts. Their geographical boundaries shall be determined by Synod, which may alter them to suit conditions.

2. This Constitution shall also be the constitution of each District of Synod; however, each District may adopt such by-laws and pass such resolutions as its own particular interests require, provided only that such by-laws and resolutions do not conflict with the Constitution and the By-laws of Synod.

3. The officers of the Districts shall be:

- a. A District President;
- b. Vice-Presidents, as the By-laws prescribe;
- c. As many Visitors as the Districts may determine upon;
- d. A District Secretary;
- e. A District Treasurer.

4. Additional officers, boards, and commissions may be elected by the various Districts, as the particular business of the Districts may require.

5. The election of the District officers shall take place in the year after the regular session of Synod.

6. All officers of the Districts shall have the same rights and duties as those outlined in this Constitution for the officers of Synod, only, however, in so far as these apply to the District and are exercised within its boundaries.

7. The District Presidents are, moreover, especially in duty bound to exercise proper supervision over the doctrine, life, and administration of office of the pastors and teachers of their District. They shall also acquaint themselves with the prevailing religious conditions of the congregations of their District, and shall, to this end, have the right and duty of visitations, being assisted in this work by the visitors, who shall regularly make their reports to them.

8. The District Presidents are empowered, in accordance with the By-laws of Synod, in case of persistent adherence to false doctrine or an offense publicly given by an ungodly life, to suspend pastors, be they voting or mere advisory members of Synod, as also professors and teachers, from membership in Synod until the next regular meeting of Synod, and also to publish such suspension.

9. Moreover, the District Presidents shall —

- a. See to it that all resolutions of Synod which concern their District shall be made known to the members of the District, and are carried out by them;
- b. Submit an annual report of their administration to the President of Synod, and at all times give him any required information as to the affairs of their administration as District Presidents;
- c. In person or by proxy ordain all ministerial candidates and teacher-candidates, and install pastors and teachers who have accepted a call to congregations in their District;
- d. Sign all examination papers and certificates of ordination, also all official papers and documents of their District.

10. The District synodical meetings are composed of

A. Representatives Entitled to Vote.

The pastors of such congregations as hold voting membership in Synod, and the lay delegates elected by these congregations, shall be entitled to vote.

B. Advisory Members.

Advisory members are:

1. Pastors whose congregations do not hold voting membership in Synod;
2. Assistant pastors;
3. Ministers of the Gospel without a charge;
4. Professors at Synod's educational institutions;
5. Teachers of parochial schools;
6. Candidates for the office of the ministry or for the office of a teacher in a parochial school.

11. The Districts, if legally incorporated, shall have a Board of Directors, composed of the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the District, which shall legally represent the District in the courts of the State. At the discretion of the District, others

than those mentioned may be elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

12. The Districts shall have the privilege of regulating their own internal affairs, it being understood, however, that such regulation shall serve the best interests of Synod.

13. The regular sessions of the Districts shall be held in those years when Synod does not regularly convene. Only Synod may make an exception to this rule.

14. A District Synod shall be duly qualified to transact business, if the meeting has been constitutionally convened and at least one-third of its voting membership is represented by one of its delegates (a pastor or a lay member).

15. In case of urgent necessity the District President shall be empowered to convene a special session of his District, provided, however, that he previously, after having informed the President of Synod and the voting membership of his District of the purpose of such special session, have the consent of at least a majority of the latter.

Article XIII. — Expulsion from Synod.

1. Members who act contrary to the doctrinal basis of Art. II and the conditions of membership in Art. VI, or who, disregarding all admonitions, persist in leading an ungodly life, shall be expelled.

2. The District Synods, as a rule, expel such members; nevertheless, any member expelled by a District shall be permitted to make an appeal to Synod.

3. If an expelled pastor or teacher holds office in a congregation which is a member of Synod, then such congregation, if it has not already done so, shall be held to depose him from office, and deal with him in accordance with the Word of God, notwithstanding any appeal he may have made. If a congregation persistently refuses to do so, the District shall take such congregation to task; and, if all negotiations and admonitions fail of their purpose, such congregation shall forfeit its right of membership in Synod.

4. All those who are expelled from Synod do thereby, as a matter of course, lose all rights of membership and any property rights vested in Synod. The latter also holds good in the case of any member who, for any reason, severs his connection with Synod.

Article XIV. — Amendments to Constitution.

1. Amendments may be made to this Constitution, provided that they conflict in no wise with the provisions laid down in Art. II and Art. VI.

2. Amendments, to be considered by Synod, must be presented in writing. A separate vote must be taken on each amendment proposed. A motion for amendment shall not be considered unless at least two-thirds of the voting members present shall vote in favor of such amendment.

3. A motion for amendment, duly voted upon and carried, shall be published by the President and Secretary of Synod within three months after the close of the synodical convention in three successive issues of the official organs of Synod, and thus be submitted to the vote of the various congregations of Synod.

4. After a majority of the congregations shall have registered their vote in writing with the Secretary of Synod, the result of the vote shall be announced by the Secretary through the official organs of Synod. Such amendment to the Constitution shall, upon the publication of the fact, immediately become effective.

With reference to the New Constitution Synod passed the following resolutions:—

1) That the newly adopted Constitution, and all other resolutions of Synod bearing on constitutional matters, be submitted through the official organs to the congregations for their ratification.

2) That the Committee which drafted the Constitution be given a hearty vote of thanks, and that the same brethren (Prof. L. Fuerbringer, Pastor Fritz, Mr. Boehne) be requested to work out a suitable set of By-laws and submit the same at the next convention.

That there be incorporated in the new By-laws a provision requiring the Treasurer of Synod to be bonded.

THE GENERAL PRESIDENCY.

The Conference of Adams and Allen Counties, Ind., had submitted an overture, proposing that hereafter at least one of the General Vice-Presidents be released from pastoral duties, and devote all his time and energies to his position as synodical officer, and be salaried accordingly by Synod. The purpose of this arrangement should be to give the necessary assistance to the General President, who is quite evidently overburdened.

Upon recommendation of the special committee, Synod declined to create an independent office for one Vice-President, not because the President is not in need of further assistance, but because Synod was not convinced that by such an arrangement there could be made a satisfactory division of duties and work. Synod had previously authorized the President to engage a competent secretary, and this Convention reaffirmed the desire of Synod that the General President employ all possible help in his work.

ELECTIONS.

Synod adopted the following new code of regulations for the triennial elections:—

1. The President and Vice-Presidents shall be elected in the manner prescribed in the regulations of 1914, to wit:

A. The first office to be balloted for is that of the General President. There shall be no ballot for Vice-Presidents until the President has been elected.

B. The five men receiving the highest number of votes on the nominating ballot shall be the candidates for the Presidency.

C. Immediately after the nomination of the five candidates, ballots bearing their names shall be printed for the election, which shall be conducted in a later session by the Committee on Elections.

D. The General President and the Vice-Presidents must be elected by an absolute majority. Elections for all other offices shall be decided by simple plurality.

E. Accordingly, if on the first ballot no one of the five presidential candidates shall receive an absolute majority, the name of

the candidate receiving the least number shall be eliminated from the next ballot. This process of eliminating the lowest candidate shall continue until the highest candidates shall have secured an absolute majority.

F. When the President has been elected, candidates for the offices of General Vice-Presidents shall be nominated by ballot. For each office three candidates shall be nominated (at present twelve candidates for four vice-presidents), and these shall be those men receiving the highest number of votes on the nominating ballot. Thereafter the procedure is the same as in electing a President, the lowest candidate being eliminated successively until the required number of Vice-Presidents are elected by absolute majority.

G. After the Vice-Presidents have been elected, their relative rank shall be determined by a special ballot, the man receiving the highest number of votes being the First Vice-President and, eventually, the first successor to the President; and so on.

2. The Boards of all synodical institutions (including the Concordia Publishing House) shall be elected in the following manner: Each District within whose territory lies a synodical institution shall, in its convention next prior to the convention of the Delegate Body, nominate a double slate of candidates for such institution. The District Secretary shall forward these names to the General Secretary, who will compile all lists, and turn them over to the Committee on Elections at the Delegate Convention, which Committee shall submit same to Synod for ratification or changes before the printing of the ballots.

When a District has failed to make such nomination, or when men nominated are unable to serve, the representatives of the respective District assembled at the Delegate Convention shall forthwith proceed to make the necessary nominations.

3. The procedure in the election of the General Secretary, General Treasurer, General Board of Control, General Mission Board (should such be created), and of all other officers, shall be as follows: Synod in its first session shall by ballot elect a Nominating Committee of eleven members, of whom four shall be pastors, four laymen, and three teachers. Each voter shall place on the nominating ballot the name of but one pastor, one layman, and one teacher. The four pastors, four laymen, and three teachers receiving the largest number of votes shall constitute the Nominating Committee. This Committee shall then submit to Synod for the above-mentioned and all other offices and boards not otherwise provided for a double slate of candidates, subject to ratification or change by Synod.

4. For all boards or commissions whose members must live near each other the Nominating Committee shall submit two places, one slate for each of these two separate cities.

5. The names on all ballots shall be in alphabetical order.

6. This code of regulations shall become effective with this Convention.

NOTE. — The results of the 1917 elections are all tabulated under the list of officers and boards at the end of this report.

PARTITION OF THE NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

The petition of the Nebraska District was granted, authorizing partition of said District if found necessary.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

Resolved, That all resolutions of Synod affecting the Constitution and By-laws be submitted for ratification to the congregations by means of the official organs of Synod.

REDUCING NUMBER OF DELEGATES.

On the past scale of representation in the Delegate Convention, Synod has become too large a body, both for effective dispatch of business and even more so with respect to the quartering of delegates. After considering various propositions, Synod

Resolved, 1. That henceforth from five to ten congregations shall combine to form an electoral circuit, with the understanding that the relative size of congregations shall determine how many shall constitute a circuit, provided, however, that no circuit comprise less than five nor more than ten congregations; each circuit, as heretofore, to be represented by a clerical and a lay delegate.

2. That henceforth fifteen advisory pastors and fifteen teachers, respectively, shall form a circuit for the election of a delegate.

3. That, after a Synodical District has been apportioned into above-described circuits, the remaining fractional group shall be regarded as a circuit, and be entitled to representation.

ENTERTAINING THE DELEGATES.

The proposition that hereafter congregations pay not only the traveling, but also the maintenance expenses of their delegates while at Synod, in order to relieve the congregations in the convention city of the cost of entertaining delegates, was endorsed by the committee, but rejected by the convention.

RULES OF ORDER.

Resolved, That a committee of three men, a pastor, a layman, and a teacher, be appointed by the President, who shall, together with the President, draw up Rules of Order (in German and English) for the sessions of Synod, and submit same to the next Convention.

PUBLICATION MATTERS.

REPORT OF

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE.

The Board called attention to the enormous increase in cost of all raw materials, necessitating an advance in prices of the finished products. Notwithstanding increase in gross receipts, net receipts for the triennium have shrunk considerably.

The *Lutheraner*, which the last Synod ordered increased to twenty pages, has been reduced again to sixteen pages, partly on account of the increased cost of paper, partly because the extra four pages could not be devoted to reports from missionaries, as had been expected.

SYNODICAL REPORT.

The Board reported that the subscriptions to the synodical reports by no means approximate the cost of publication. Were it not for the fact that many Districts order the report of their own District in wholesale quantities for distribution in the congregations, there would be a considerable deficit. But since more Districts are discontinuing this practise, Synod faces a deficit in the publication of various reports.

Two possible solutions were suggested. First, that any deficit on this account be paid out of the General Treasury of Synod; secondly, that the synodical reports appear as a quarterly publication, each number containing the reports of several Districts. This would necessitate condensing each report considerably, which might detract from its value.

In spite of every effort to collect the same, approximately \$4,000 in synodical dues is still outstanding. As it seems impossible to collect this sum, the Board suggested charging this amount to profit and loss.

Besides the regular periodical publications of Synod and innumerable tracts, twenty-seven German and the following English publications were put on the market: —

A Treatise on Masonry, by Prof. Th. Graebner; *Illustrated Historical Sketch of Our Colored Mission*, by Rev. N. J. Bakke; *Immanuel*, compiled by Rev. J. H. C. Fritz; *What the Evangelical Lutheran Church Stands For*, by Prof. Th. Graebner; *Protestantism vs. Romanism*, by Rev. Wm. Hallerberg; *Sermons on the Catechism*, by Prof. C. Abbetmeyer; *Sunday-school Manual*, by Rev. A. Doerfler; *First Things First*, by Louis Birk; *Essay on Revelation, Chap. 20*, by Rev. F. C. G. Schumm; a Reformation program; a Christmas program; *Fourteen Days in a Mine*; *John Hus*, by Rev. Wm. Dallmann; *Concordia Lesson Helps*; *The Difference*, a Popular Guide to Denominational History and Doctrine, by Rev. I. J. Monson; *The Real Truth about Socialism*, by Rev. E. C. L. Schulze; *The Shadow of*

a *Crime*, by Mary E. Ireland; *Bible History References*, compiled by F. Rupprecht; *Sunday-school Prayers*, compiled by Prof. C. Abbtmeyer; *William Tyndale*, by Rev. Wm. Dallmann; *Daily Prayers*, selected and adapted by Prof. C. Abbtmeyer; *Four Hundred Years*; *Concordia Picture Roll*; *Figures of Speech*, by Prof. C. Abbtmeyer; *Capitalization and Punctuation*, by Prof. C. Abbtmeyer; *The Case against the Lodge*, by B. M. Holt; *King Otto's Crown*, by Mary E. Ireland; *Churchgoing*, by Rev. Wm. Dallmann.

The net profits of the Publishing House for the past three years have been as follows: 1914—15, \$85,000; 1915—16, \$115,000; 1916—17, \$95,000; total, \$295,000.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

The committee to which the above report was referred made the following recommendations, all of which were *accepted* by Synod:—

1) That the reduction of the *Lutheraner* from twenty to sixteen pages be ratified, but that this publication be increased again to twenty pages as soon as practicable.

2 a) That the publication of the Synodical Reports continue as at present, inasmuch as no actual deficit has resulted as yet; that the respective Districts be encouraged to continue or introduce the practise of ordering their reports wholesale for general distribution in the congregations.

b) That the suggestion to have the Districts take up the doctrines for discussion in alphabetical order, and to have these doctrinal papers published in book form annually, be declared impracticable.

3) That the outstanding synodical dues be charged to profit and loss, inasmuch as it seems impossible to collect them.

LATIN-GERMAN-ENGLISH EDITION OF BOOK OF CONCORD.

The Faculty of the Theological Seminary at St. Louis advised the publication of a Latin-German-English edition of the Book of Concord. The committee to which this matter was referred recommended the publication of the same, adding the suggestion that every congregation place a copy in its sacristy.

STATISTICAL MATTERS.

A. "STATISTICAL YEAR-BOOK."

Resolved, That the *Statistical Year-Book* be published annually, as formerly.

B. PUBLICATION OF STATISTICS IN THE PERIODICALS.

The English District had recommended that each year a statistical number of the *Lutheraner* and *Lutheran Witness* be published.

Resolved, to continue the present practise of publishing complete statistics of the English District in the *Lutheran Witness* and only summaries in the *Lutheraner*.

C. COMPILATION OF STATISTICS.

Resolved, That all District Treasurers be urgently requested to close their books on December 31st, and report the total receipts to Synod's statistician; that all moneys, collected for whatsoever purpose, pass through the hands of the District Treasurers, and that the treasurers of all charitable organizations be requested to report to the respective District Treasurer the amount of moneys received by them directly.

JUVENILE LITERATURE.

The Board for Juvenile Literature, consisting of Prof. Th. Graebner, Pastors A. G. Merz, R. Jesse, W. H. Behrens, and Teacher L. H. Becker, has held monthly meetings since its organization in the fall of 1914. It has read 775 books, finding 305 unfit. All books were graded, those receiving 60 per cent. or better being listed as having received the approval of the Board. The grading was determined by the interest aroused by the contents, the educational value, the rhetorical style, the illustrations, and the general make-up of the book. A number of books have been rewritten, others read in manuscript and recommended for publication. Among the latter are: *The Shadow of a Crime*, *Fourteen Days in a Mine*, *King Otto's Crown*. Other manuscripts are under consideration.

The following *resolutions* were adopted:—

1. That all pastors, teachers, and parents should make diligent use of the list compiled by the Board when purchasing juvenile literature.

2. That the Board be encouraged to continue its valuable work.

3. That the Board be authorized to enlarge itself, if it deems this advisable, by electing competent men to its membership.

4. That members of Synod direct the attention of the Board to such books as they deem proper for the youth.

5. That Synod express its appreciation and gratitude for the work done by the Board.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE LAY DELEGATES.

The lay delegates held several meetings during the convention, and through Mr. Theodore Lamprecht, of New York, submitted the following propositions and recommendations, which Synod received with much joy, and unanimously adopted as its own resolutions:—

1. WHEREAS, Also this year, as in former years, a heavy debt rests on the Synod, which debt will be increased in the ensuing months; and

2. WHEREAS, We, the lay-members of the congregations, constitute that part of the Synod which must contribute the necessary moneys, and which should find ways and means to accomplish this purpose without burdening our pastors with the collecting of these funds, and thus robbing them of much of the time which they need for the more important duties of their calling; and

3. WHEREAS, Despite a communicant membership of nearly 600,000, our congregations fail to raise the money needed for synodical purposes, which failure indicates lack of information concerning our synodical needs, and also inefficient methods for collecting moneys in many congregations; and

4. WHEREAS, A yearly average contribution of only one dollar (\$1) for *each* communicant member of every congregation would provide the necessary funds, and would not only fill, as it should be filled, the treasury for the support of retired pastors and the widows and orphans of pastors and teachers, but would also make possible the necessary increase in salaries for our professors; and

5. WHEREAS, It would be a matter of humiliation if so small a contribution — one dollar a year per communicant member, or two cents a week — should not, in this year of the Four-hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation, be given by every congregation of an orthodox Lutheran synod for the spreading of the true doctrine;

Be It Resolved, That we, the lay-delegates of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, declare our willingness to call the attention of every congregation represented by us to the financial needs of Synod, and to do our duty in this matter, and to recommend to each congregation that an average yearly contribution of one dollar be raised for synodical purposes for each communicant member. We promise to work with every legitimate means to accomplish this end.

In order to provide ways and means to carry out this resolution, we submit the following:—

Since Synod obligates the lay-delegates especially, in conjunction with the Presidents of the respective Districts, to see to the carrying out of the synodical resolutions during the ensuing three years; and since the same duty is placed on the Visitors of the Districts, we recommend to Synod that these lay-delegates be organized according to Visitation Districts, so that they may perform these duties in a systematic way. In addition, we recommend that the General President of Synod see to it that each District President

receive a list of the names of the lay-delegates from his District. The latter should see to it that the Visitors in his District receive a list of the lay-delegates in their respective Visitation District.

Furthermore, we recommend that it be made the duty of each Visitor to call a meeting of the lay-delegates in his Visitation District for the purpose of organizing. In order that this organization may have direct connection with each and every congregation in the Visitation District, we advise that from each of the congregations to which these lay-delegates do not belong one member be elected by the congregation to this organization. It is advisable to hold these elections before the Visitor calls together the delegates, the time and place for such meeting to be determined in due order by the Visitor and the delegates.

At the meeting of the organization thus created the Visitor should be prepared to give all necessary information concerning the needs and the condition of the different treasuries of Synod, and also about the number of communicants in every congregation of his Visitation District, so that every congregation may know what contribution should be raised by it on the basis of the average yearly rate. If a congregation decides that it will adopt and carry out this plan, the Visitor of the district should exert his influence, through the lay-delegate and through the pastor of the congregation, to effect the carrying out of these resolutions. Each congregation will, of course, determine how the promised sum of money is to be collected.

We believe that by this plan the yearly deficit can be avoided, and that thus our pastors can be freed, in a large measure, from the time-consuming and delicate work of personally collecting such moneys. Besides, we believe that through such an organization the contributions for congregational purposes will soon be increased, so that our pastors and teachers can be cared for as God's Word commands and their station requires.

LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE. (L. L. L.)

Mr. Benjamin Bosse and Mr. John Boehne, both of Evansville, Ind., announced the formation of a Lutheran Laymen's League, whose purpose it is to raise \$100,000 in this Jubilee Year to cancel the debt in the various synodical treasuries. Contributions are desired only from wealthy Lutherans, who can well afford to contribute to this Fund without curtailing their other contributions. The names of such Lutherans should be given the League.

Synod expressed its elation over this announcement, and wished the Lutheran Laymen's League God's richest blessings and success in its noble undertaking.

Report of the General Treasurer for the Period January 1, 1914, to December 31, 1916.

GENERAL SURVEY OF RECEIPTS.

DISTRICTS: (Arranged according to the German alphabetical order.)	1. Totals	2. General Treasurer	3. Bldg. Fund	4. Home Mission	5. Foreign Mission	6. Mount. Retreat	7. Brazil Mission	8.* Deaf-m. Mission	9. Indian Mission	10. Jewish Mission	11. For-t'uge Mission	12. Immigr. Mission
1. Atlantic.....	30589.30	8222.61	3734.89	2507.20	3421.14	150.50	2334.15	591.38	621.23	249.35	709.76	308.33
2. California and Nevada.....	6361.87	2081.19	1168.58	162.66	588.70	3.50	207.03	491.86	107.79	102.12	146.00	98.14
3. Canada.....	1782.22	2095.85	695.17	851.00	936.37	10.00	758.00	185.00	148.00	161.00	183.00	100.00
4. English.....	12737.77	5975.20	833.21	252.77	1317.26	112.67	714.94	287.01	205.27	266.26	124.83	41.00
5. Iowa.....	68454.48	16008.63	4721.37	5748.64	7072.76	426.00	5997.46	1979.65	1292.54	713.43	1454.39	777.65
6. Kansas.....	42728.62	6478.92	4170.27	895.57	3177.76	25.00	2885.94	898.09	595.38	274.30	760.42	456.14
7. Michigan.....	74751.87	21704.28	13678.10	8158.80	7582.25	139.00	6577.09	1296.75	893.10	292.08	1519.68	794.92
8. Minnesota.....	38623.78	9635.59	4117.74	255.70	5192.78	132.05	3154.77	1420.45	553.54	179.20	841.24	331.47
9. Central.....	139562.19	41878.51	19455.04	12649.61	10737.23	1123.15	11161.20	2454.97	2828.25	710.15	4951.57	1435.60
10. Nebraska.....	41889.56	9893.58	5931.73	1984.13	5996.06	192.20	4042.84	1317.82	682.16	284.12	737.66	2 4.49
11. Northern Illinois.....	126450.13	32213.82	11224.60	1584.75	8458.39	165.25	13344.86	2902.08	2428.40	824.67	2341.47	1092.63
12. Northern Wisconsin.....	4410.25	.....	347.53	675.38	682.37	.....	640.76	143.84	486.73	82.95	148.82	46.55
13. N. Dak. and Montana.....	3108.41	249.00	259.93	236.21	536.24	2.00	110.38	103.55	26.26	38.05	12.40	5.00
14. Oreg. and Washington.....	2683.04	579.97	178.44	39.62	289.55	22.00	84.73	101.70	8.55	1.00	6.96	60.50
15. Eastern.....	39487.89	10251.08	6021.45	2955.14	4290.65	185.84	2840.96	801.65	345.15	220.57	1042.85	573.35
16. South Dakota.....	4771.94	1237.27	457.34	185.58	577.17	25.00	347.09	182.40	104.55	84.66	117.00	47.85
17. Southern Illinois.....	31268.41	7817.82	3277.02	3937.90	2716.61	286.69	2862.73	904.96	1000.97	240.02	779.29	420.40
18. Southern.....	1403.02	430.11	134.47	1.00	116.11	.....	24.78	.....	.....	.....	4.00	.....
19. Texas.....	7381.12	1561.76	1264.35	320.60	637.94	6.00	375.83	154.30	18.95	17.20	75.24	7.00
20. Western.....	70047.35	18910.88	9870.85	5367.20	7227.88	593.92	8217.79	1985.41	1671.74	434.58	1243.72	458.22
21. Wisconsin.....	80198.10	18000.00	11127.97	8677.98	11431.53	276.92	5719.69	1382.03	2994.16	661.90	1290.25	808.05
22. Wisconsin (South).....	7488.10	500.00	604.71	1726.38	861.58	36.00	131.59	305.93	329.88	130.68	312.83	64.70
23. Central Illinois.....	47850.16	11525.05	5593.74	3409.34	4428.67	155.94	5251.45	1186.25	1010.89	787.98	1477.51	780.03
24. President Pfotenbauer.....	23868.02	1015.00	500.00	7100.00	1800.00	20.33	1950.00	.....	250.00	25.00	200.00	43.02
25. Directly remitted.....	447854.07	277348.20	31563.87	11367.39	4944.54	20.33	892.56	187.77	193.64	742.24	50.00	364.07
26. Totals.....	1361156.67	505614.32	140932.37	95050.55	95021.54	4089.96	81750.62	121264.83	1797.13	723.51	20530.91	9399.11

* Including Deaf-mute chapel in Minneapolis.

DISTRICTS:	13. Austr. N. Zeal.	14. London Mission	15. China Mission	16. Cuba Mission	17. Europ. Missions	18.† Church Extens'n	19.§ General Relief	20. German Red Cr.	21. War Re- lief, G'y.	22. R. Forest Fire Loss	23. Jubilee Fund	24. Canada Mission	25. Sundry Acc'ts.
1. Atlantic.....	275.80	244.38	106.80	27.68	1750.46	166.76	395.11	617.30	2045.62	1490.83	.....	.....	620.02
2. California and Nevada.....	26.58	66.35	49.74	.....	643.74	1.00	32.00	10.00	4.75	310.99	.....	21.15	38.00
3. Canada.....	20.00	40.00	.....	20.00	180.00	35.00	100.00	.....	5.00	634.83	.....	.....	4.00
4. English.....	59.95	34.02	182.24	2.00	333.04	160.00	30.00	5.00	53.44	656.30	566.51	233.33	291.50
5. Iowa.....	155.76	69.20	999.21	259.86	2296.85	839.75	531.15	574.35	1719.00	6100.00	945.03	236.71	8480.12
6. Kansas.....	103.81	104.50	198.43	31.55	1932.75	20.85	124.41	943.35	672.26	1126.12	440.19	58.02	15902.77
7. Michigan.....	40.80	120.24	202.30	31.16	3146.95	357.44	18.42	.....	1144.64	5640.21	1677.74	.....	915.45
8. Minnesota.....	23.00	16.10	210.09	53.63	2843.74	138.93	552.13	1454.22	1048.17	3285.76	1677.74	336.01	1485.74
9. Central.....	777.70	424.85	659.78	214.02	3238.60	779.46	227.70	1059.02	4035.10	11105.45	6259.22	87.66	1060.00
10. Nebraska.....	60.05	102.41	151.56	93.28	1027.16	205.26	160.98	794.41	3718.46	1833.74	1799.52	261.59	508.28
11. Northern Illinois.....	754.99	495.80	.....	127.68	4058.88	1369.19	221.00	828.16	2800.50	22795.92	975.44	.....	1180.06
12. Northern Wisconsin.....	27.17	29.26	262.98	7.00	85.26	13.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	89.48	.....	641.07
13. N. Dak. and Montana.....	5.00	15.00	.....	.....	472.37	1.00	.....	161.10	232.75	.....	.....	.....	642.17
14. Oreg. and Washington.....	.....	.....	19.00	.....	171.77	8.64	57.75	89.70	370.05	409.23	169.96	.....	18.92
15. Eastern.....	156.78	69.35	299.62	40.50	1687.90	679.72	542.42	574.80	1542.81	2151.94	*1778.84	6.00	*428.52
16. South Dakota.....	6.00	33.00	91.53	5.00	217.06	.....	.....	167.94	645.50	200.00	.....	.....	40.00
17. Southern Illinois.....	109.36	145.43	336.82	4.65	815.37	445.18	93.45	62.69	1014.86	1540.70	2139.05	32.88	283.56
18. Texas.....	.....	7.50	35.50	2.50	303.73	39.65	47.40	511.05	350.90	794.67	*348.78	.....	13.00
19. Western.....	264.34	202.81	221.45	70.50	1951.55	1478.09	123.15	399.28	2411.46	2286.06	815.39	3.00	30.66
20. Wisconsin.....	231.59	443.01	3370.27	19.85	4898.54	497.96	484.34	1507.63	3310.30	2405.08	2907.94	24.67	1713.56
22. Wisconsin (South).....	22.73	14.00	154.23	.....	133.04	30.00	15.00	68.07	61.17	.....	*251.77	.....	*407.28
23. Central Illinois.....	390.78	243.25	355.62	28.02	1808.38	462.20	299.48	948.05	808.52	4542.86	745.83	.....	52.75
24. President Pfotenbauer.....	50.00	100.00	.....	.....	119.00	5300.00	.....	.....	.....	1751.00	1800.00	7.00	555.15
25. Directly remitted.....	55.39	25.00	413.93	1.20	960.31	23796.55	41.49	28.67	805.43	20039.71	*95.66	.....	3765.00
26. Totals.....	3615.58	3045.46	8321.10	1054.08	35149.00	36856.34	4203.78	10826.29	32800.69	91246.41	*23806.35	1318.02	*112738.70

† This column includes Isle of Pines, Calgary, Lettish Congregation in Boston and Reno.

§ Includes War Relief in Canada and Prisoners of War in Siberia.

‡ During 1915 Jubilee Fund was included in Sundry Accounts.

* Included during 1915 in Sundry Accounts.

2. GENERAL TREASURY.

Institutions.	Pay-roll.	Current Expenses.	Library and Laboratory.	Total.
St. Louis	\$46083.40	\$14186.83	\$1345.59	\$61615.82
Springfield	25421.71	7759.23	400.00	33580.94
River Forest	41289.12	9888.69	450.00	51627.81
Seward	33051.10	10542.99	700.00	44294.09
Fort Wayne	38279.38	21872.65	500.00	60652.03
Milwaukee	36079.64	11583.31	750.00	48412.95
St. Paul	32944.18	7359.71	375.00	40678.89
Bronxville	30113.24	4674.17	750.00	35537.41
Concordia	27906.50	5306.55	450.00	33663.06
Winfield	26458.49	10650.12	500.00	37608.61
Conover	11938.00	3650.80	—	15588.80
	<u>\$349564.76</u>	<u>\$107475.05</u>	<u>\$6220.59</u>	<u>\$463260.40</u>
New Orleans	3000.00	—	—	3000.00
Porto Alegre	9814.45	—	500.00	10314.45
East Oakland	9479.64	—	—	9479.64
Portland	8358.85	—	—	8358.85
	<u>\$380217.70</u>	<u>\$107475.05</u>	<u>\$6720.59</u>	<u>\$494413.34</u>

Salaries of officers, incl. office help 10435.60
 Allowances paid superannuated professors and others: —

Prof. R. Bischoff and widow	\$1849.86
Prof. Th. Brohm	1500.00
Prof. J. L. Backhaus	874.95
Prof. A. Crull	1110.00
Prof. J. Herzer	1470.00
Prof. R. Pieper	933.20
Dr. G. Schick	200.00
Widow of Prof. Brauer	720.00
Widow of Prof. Graebner	1699.92
Widow of Prof. Haentzschel	780.00
Widow of Prof. Homann	1199.88
Widow of Miss. Keyl	900.00
Widow of Miss. Landsmann	720.00
Widow of Prof. Lindemann	900.00
Widow of Prof. Wyneken	705.00
Widow of Prof. Rechlin	499.92

Mileage	16062.73
Printing	2743.38
General Board of Supervision	1007.60
Office expense	1643.03
Exchange	802.44
Interest	118.91
Attorneys' fees	707.58
Error corrected in 1914	350.00
Gratis allowances paid till 1914 from this treasury	3.13
Transfers	75.39
Deficit of 1914 in Immigrant Mission account	1123.01
Synodical Conference (our share of general expense)	1594.30
	<u>83.64</u>

Plus deficit January 1, 1914 \$531164.08
 49316.63

Gross total of expenses \$580480.71
 Less otherwise accounted for 2034.62

Net expenses \$578446.09

Receipts as per Column 2	\$505614.32
By transfer	4505.55
Tuition 1916 (previously accounted for in "Sundry Accounts")	1330.00
	<u>511449.87</u>

Deficit January 1, 1917 \$66996.22

3. GENERAL BUILDING FUND.

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deficit January 1, 1914	\$69845.32
Balance River Forest Seminary	35345.69
Deficit River Forest Fire Loss	1953.48
Residence, Conover	2405.09
Kitchen, Concordia	1314.76
Two residences in Seward	7000.00
Balance River Forest Music Hall	2086.95
Part payment of Bronxville residences	12000.00
Porto Alegre building	800.00
Old debt in St. Paul	5209.06
Repairs in Springfield	3161.19
Electric light in St. Louis Seminary	1208.59
Official residence in Seward	1800.00
Winfield Dormitory	*41070.20
Disbursements by order of General Board	28035.95
	<u>\$213236.28</u>

RECEIPTS.

As per Column 3	\$140932.37
Balance River Forest Fire Loss, December 31, 1914	21917.26
River Forest Music Hall	500.00
Balance Winfield Flood Loss	601.15
Transfer	214.40
	<u>164165.18</u>

Deficit January 1, 1917 \$49071.10

* Winfield Dormitory account was separately kept during 1915, the disbursements being \$28,281.50. The total cost of the building is \$56,372.09, which amount does not appear under the title "General Building Fund."

3 a. St. Paul Building.

Receipts and Balance \$7532.18

3 b. Springfield Building.

Disbursements \$500.00
 Receipts 130.50

Deficit January 1, 1917 \$369.50

3 c. River Forest Fire Loss (1914).

RECEIPTS.

Receipts \$91246.41
 Credited by error 688.26
 \$90558.15

DISBURSEMENTS.

Disbursements by order of General Board 68640.89

Balance transferred to General Building Fund (see above) \$21917.26

4. HOME MISSION.

NB. A prompt comparison of the reports of the several Mission Boards and my account below is not always possible because some of the Boards are still maintaining a fiscal year different from that of Synod, and also because some Boards, for instance, Home Mission in Foreign Countries, in their own reports do not include the costs of administration, such as exchange charges, cable charges, and the like. It is part of the duty of the General Auditing Board to compare the corresponding accounts of the General Treasurer with the books of the Board; on the other hand, it is part of the duty of the special auditing boards to satisfy themselves that the report of their respective board agrees with the special account of the General Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1914	\$ 2043.32
As per Column 4	95050.55
Receipts for Cuba	585.29
Receipts for Canada	1318.02
Transfer	818.70
	<u>\$99815.88</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

By order of Board	95869.72
Balance January 1, 1917	<u>\$3946.16</u>

5. FOREIGN MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1914	\$ 1363.44
As per Column 5	95021.54
Transfer	163.56
	<u>\$96548.54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remitted to Treasurer	94123.85
Balance January 1, 1917	<u>\$2424.69</u>

6. MOUNTAIN RETREAT IN INDIA.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1914	\$12649.77
As per Column 6	4089.96
Transfer	167.04
	<u>\$16906.77</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

By transfer	\$ 208.59
Remitted to Treasurer	11930.73
	<u>12139.32</u>
Balance January 1, 1917	<u>\$4767.45</u>

7. MISSION IN BRAZIL.

RECEIPTS.

As per Column 7	\$81750.62
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Deficit January 1, 1914	\$ 1179.27
Disbursed by order of Board	73819.01
By transfer	92.01
	<u>75090.29</u>
Balance January 1, 1917	<u>\$6660.33</u>

8. DEAF-MUTE MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1914	\$ 4291.50
As per Column 8	21264.85
	<u>\$25556.35</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to Board for chapel in Minneapolis	\$ 1038.69
Disbursed by order of Board	22232.19
	<u>23270.88</u>
Balance January 1, 1917	<u>\$2285.47</u>

9. INDIAN MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1914	\$ 1487.92
As per Column 9	18797.13
By transfer	10.70
	<u>\$20295.75</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remitted to Board	<u>\$20295.75</u>
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10. JEWISH MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance January 1, 1914	\$ 37.50
As per Column 10	7723.51
Credited by error	92.00
	<u>\$7853.01</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remitted to Board	5891.37
Balance January 1, 1917	<u>\$1961.64</u>

11. FOREIGN-TONGUE MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.

As per Column 11	<u>\$20530.91</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Deficit January 1, 1914	\$ 25.11
Remitted to Board	18365.00
Credited by error	46.70
	<u>18436.81</u>
Balance January 1, 1917	<u>\$2094.10</u>

12. IMMIGRANT MISSION.

RECEIPTS.

As per Column 12	\$9399.11
By transfer	27.00
	<u>\$9426.11</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Remitted to Board	\$9274.26
By transfer	27.00
	<u>9301.26</u>
Balance January 1, 1917	<u>\$124.85</u>

13. MISSION IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance January 1, 1914	\$ 438.51	
Receipts as per Column 13	3615.58	
		\$4054.09
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Remitted to Board	\$3138.50	
By transfer in Australia	243.13	
Transfer	273.30	
		3654.93
Balance January 1, 1917		\$399.16

14. MISSION IN LONDON.
(See under European Missions.)

15. MISSION IN CHINA.

Receipts transferred to Treasurer	\$8321.10
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16. MISSION IN CUBA.

Receipts as per Column 16	\$1054.08
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This amount is booked under the title "Home Mission." For 1915/16 see under "Church Extension: Isle of Pines."

17. EUROPEAN MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS.		
Receipts as per Column 17	\$35149.00	
Special for London	2175.06	
By transfer	71.21	
		\$37395.27
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Deficit January 1, 1914	\$ 20.01	
Disbursements by order of Board	17750.45	
By transfer	651.82	
		18422.28
By balance of accounts in 1914		\$18972.99
		843.24
Balance January 1, 1917		\$19816.23

18. CHURCH EXTENSION.

(Incl. Lettish congregation in Boston, Calgary, Isle of Pines, and Reno.)

DISBURSEMENTS.		
Disbursed by order of Board	\$42131.84	
Above special items	1371.54	
By erroneous credit	3030.91	
		\$46534.29
RECEIPTS.		
Balance January 1, 1914	\$ 2908.99	
As per Column 18	36856.34	
By transfer	3060.91	
		42826.24
Deficit January 1, 1917		\$3708.05

19. GENERAL RELIEF.

Receipts as per Column 19	\$4203.78
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(Transferred to Treasurer Aug. Lange.)

20. GERMAN RED CROSS.

RECEIPTS.		
Receipts as per Column 20	\$10826.29	
By transfer	235.60	
		\$11061.89
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Disbursed by order of Board	\$9523.54	
By transfer	235.60	
		9759.14
Balance January 1, 1917		\$1302.75

21. WAR RELIEF, GERMANY.

RECEIPTS.		
Receipts as per Column 21	\$28800.69	
Credited from other accounts	151.62	
By transfer	292.95	
		\$29245.26
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Disbursed by order of Board	\$21324.58	
By transfer	302.95	
London War Relief deficit transferred	1027.57	
Disbursed by order of Board	200.25	
		22855.35
Balance January 1, 1917		\$6389.91

22. JUBILEE FUND.

RECEIPTS.		
Receipts as per Column 23	\$23806.35	
By transfer	34.97	
		\$23841.32
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Disbursed by order of Board	\$3675.39	
Transfer as above	34.97	
		3710.36
Balance January 1, 1917		\$20130.96

LEGACIES.

RECEIPTS.		
Balance January 1, 1914	\$40451.79	
Proceeds of Stutz Legacy	850.19	
Proceeds of Raithel Legacy	2491.39	
Proceeds of all other legacies	4593.41	
N. Legacy	1000.00	
N. Legacy	1000.00	
Tiarks Legacy	4757.00	
Mohr Legacy	634.76	
Nikkel Legacy	3075.00	
		\$58853.54

DISBURSEMENTS.

For Home Mission: —		
Mohn Legacy	\$1050.00	
Savings of a pastor's wife	150.00	
Steinfath Legacy	7.14	
Dierksen Legacy	75.00	
Endowment Fund	18.20	
		\$1300.34

For indigent students:—

Proceeds of Heitmueller Legacy	\$100.00	
Proceeds of Legacy: Mission Friend in the North	150.00	
Proceeds of Weisbrodt Legacy	98.65	
Proceeds of Scheel Legacy	75.00	
Proceeds of Poetsch Legacy	225.48	
Proceeds of Starke Legacy	150.00	
Proceeds of Tiarks Legacy	400.49	
Proceeds of Willner Legacy	339.41	
Proceeds of legacies for indigent students in St. Louis and Springfield	300.00	
Proceeds of Burke Legacy	75.00	
Proceeds of Mueller Legacy	60.00	
		1974.03
Pastors' and teachers' widows and orphans		2491.39
Negro Mission (Scheel Legacy)	\$37.50	
Indian Mission (Scheel Legacy)	37.50	
		75.00
	\$5840.76	
By transfers	56.26	
		5897.02
Balance January 1, 1917		\$52956.52

BALANCE JANUARY 1, 1917.

	Debits.		Credits.
General Treasury	66996 22	Superannuated Pastors	2005 56
Building Fund	49071 10	Australia and New Zealand	399 16
Springfield Building	369 50	St. Paul Administration Building	7532 18
Church Ext. Fund	3708 05	Brazil Mission	6660 33
Pueblo	1354 09	Bills Payable	18616 10
Stocks and Bonds	31692 42	Brauer Collection	7750 00
Bills Rec. (Addison)	20000 00	Immigrant Mission	124 85
Transitory accounts	415 42	European Missions	19816 23
		College Farm in Fort Wayne	30000 00
		Foreign-tongue Mission	2094 10
		Foreign Mission	2424 69
		Mountain Retreat	4767 45
		Home Mission	3946 16
		Jubilee Fund	20130 96
		Jewish Mission	1961 64
		War Relief, Germany	6389 91
		Legacies	52956 52
		German Red Cross	1302 75
		Deaf-mute Mission	2285 47
		Vogel Bequest	956 01
		Walther Fund	2 02
		Bonus Fund for Superannuated Pastors	601 39
Balanced by cash	19116 68		
	192723 48		192723 48

St. Louis, Mo., April 10, 1917.

E. SEUEL, General Treasurer.

We have examined the books of the General Treasurer for the three fiscal years 1914, 1915, and 1916, and have certified to the proper official Auditing Board of the Synod the correctness of these books. The above

report has not been examined by us, but as it covers the same items as the three separate reports for the three years, we rather think that the cost of checking up this report can be saved, since the three annual reports have been published, and since, moreover, the final balance of the above cannot be different from the balance of January 1, 1917, which has been certified by us as correct on January 8, 1917. We hereby certify that it is the same as printed above, except only that in the debit column five items, for the sake of convenience, have been contracted into one.

(Signed.) RODWAY & STONE,
Certified Public Accountants.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee, Messrs. Wm. Schlake, Louis Heitbrink, and C. H. Dehning, reported that it had the books of Synod's Treasurer and Concordia Publishing House audited by Rodway & Stone, certified public accountants; that it had convinced itself of the correctness of this firm's reports, and had received reports from several of Synod's Boards. The committee recommended that an inventory be taken of all real estate owned by Synod and all buildings thereon, the valuations then to be placed upon the books of the Treasurer. It recommended further that steps be taken to determine whether or not the titles to the various properties are properly vested in Synod.

The firm of Rodway & Stone, as well as Synod's Auditing Committee, took occasion to express itself in terms of highest praise for the manner in which the books are kept by Mr. Seuel, and congratulated Synod on having so capable and efficient a Treasurer and General Manager.

In connection with this report Synod adopted the following resolutions:—

- 1) To accept the report of the Treasurer.
- 2) To extend a hearty vote of thanks to the Treasurer for his faithful services.

To pay Dr. Pieper the sum of \$1,000, Synod having voted him \$1,500 in 1911, with which to seek recuperation, of which appropriation he had, however, drawn but \$500. Since this was a definite appropriation, made without conditions of any kind, the balance was ordered paid.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

The Church Extension Board made the following recommendations:—

1. In view of the fact that congregations receiving loans are required to give the Board a first mortgage on their property, the Board feels it should be permitted to loan a congregation up to three-fourths of the cost of the building, the present maximum being one-half of such cost. This recommendation was *not* accepted.

2. All applications for loans should be endorsed not only by the President, but also by the Church Extension Board (or Mission Board) of the respective District. *Accepted.*

3. The Board inquired as to the advisability of making further loans to congregations in Canada during the period of the war.

Synod decided that the Board should exercise great care in the placing of such loans, but should continue to make them where the interest of our mission-work would seem to demand it.

4. The Board submitted to Synod for its approval a form for application. Decided that the form of application be left to the discretion of the Board.

5. The Board recommended that section seven of the regulations be amended to read as follows: "Congregations receiving loans out of this Fund are expected to pay off 10 per cent. of the principal each year for the first five years. The sixth year the balance is to be paid. A congregation unable to do this should make application for extension of time, and continue to pay off 10 per cent. annually." Recommendation *accepted.*

Pastor Bartels having resigned from the Board on account of ill health, Synod extended him a vote of thanks for his services.

Decided that the editors of our periodicals give prominence to appeals for the Jubilee Fund.

Decided that in future the Church Extension Board consist of six members instead of three.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF CHURCH EXTENSION FUND.

(Condensed.)

A.

From February 1, 1914, to January 31, 1915.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$1486.82
Paid off on loans	6612.59
Non-interest bearing loans	3379.14
Received from District Treasurers	2518.39
Legacies and donations	753.56
	\$14750.50

EXPENDITURES.

Loaned to congregations	\$9854.06
Paid off on debt	2726.40
Sundries	90.35
Balance, January 31, 1915	2079.69
	\$14750.50

B.

From February 1, 1915, to January 31, 1916.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$2079.69
Paid off on loans	8310.59
Non-interest bearing loans	7658.75

Collections	6182.34
Legacies and donations	134.93
Other receipts	28.27

EXPENDITURES.

Loaned to congregations	\$17672.78
Paid off on debt	753.20
Sundries	68.81
Balance	5899.78
	\$24394.57

C.

From February 1, 1916, to January 31, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand	\$5899.78
Paid off on loans	9363.12
Non-interest bearing loans	5050.00
From Treasurer of Synod	3120.20
Other receipts	18.51
Deficit	1986.60

EXPENDITURES.

Loaned to congregations	\$21746.29
Paid off on debt	3650.00
Sundries	41.92
	\$25438.21

SIMPLIFICATION OF ACCOUNTS.

This matter has been before Synod several times. Three years ago a commission was appointed to study this matter and report at the present session. This commission presented plans for very decided simplification of accounts, suggesting the combining of various funds. On recommendation of the committee to which this report was referred, most of the suggestions were not adopted by Synod. The following were endorsed and *accepted*:—

1. All expenses incurred by the purchase of real estate, erection of new buildings, or repairs to buildings are to be defrayed out of the Building Fund.

2. All moneys received for a special object, for which there is no regular account, are to be entered on a "Miscellaneous Account," and forwarded by the respective treasurer directly (not through the General Treasurer or any commission). If it cannot be determined who is the properly authorized person to receive such moneys, or if aid is no longer necessary, such moneys are to be transferred to the General Mission Account, unless ordered refunded by the donor.

3. All moneys, including those for the various funds of the General Body, should be remitted to the respective District Treasurer and by him to the General Treasurer. Officers of Synod receiving moneys should remit same to the Treasurer of the District from which the money was received. Only by this means can the books of the various District Treasurers and those of the General Treasurer be made to agree, and the Districts be properly credited for funds originating in them.

4. At the beginning of each year all District Treasurers should report to the General Treasurer the total receipts in each fund, the number of communicants in their respective District, and the average contribution per communicant member. The General Treasurer will arrange these reports alphabetically, and forward them to each District President.

5. The District Presidents, with the cooperation of the visitors, are to keep the pastors and congregations of their respective District informed of the needs of the various funds, and to encourage the same to a faithful performance of their duty.

6. Every six months, in January and July, the General President of Synod shall publish a budget for all synodical funds, benevolence funds excepted, including any present deficits, deducting present balances.

AUDIT OF THE BOOKS OF BOARDS OF SUPERVISION.

Synod decided that in the future the Auditing Committee either itself audit, or have audited by competent accountants, the books (including the current expense fund) of the treasurers of the Boards of Supervision of our several institutions. The Committee was directed to request an audited report also from the Boards of institutions under the jurisdiction of some District; also from the Board of Immanuel College. The Committee will then make a report to the President of Synod.

USE OF A SURPLUS IN ANY FUND.

Since reports show that, while some funds have a deficit, there is, at the same time, a surplus in others, it was decided that such surplus should remain in the hands of the General Treasurer, where it can be used to the advantage of Synod as a whole, and should not be turned over to the respective Board.

TRANSFER OF EXPENSES.

Synod decided that expenses incurred by keeping our institutions of learning in, good repair should henceforth be defrayed out of the Building Fund, and no longer out of the Synodical Treasury.

BUDGET FOR THE BUILDING FUND OF SYNOD.

Deficit from last triennium	\$31192.00
Repairs at institutions	35000.00
Appropriations: For St. Louis	14000.00
For Springfield	3300.00
For St. Paul	37300.00
For Concordia	31100.00
For Winfield	5000.00
For River Forest	3000.00
For Seward	6000.00
For Porto Alegre	1200.00
	\$167092.00

LEGACIES.

The Commission on Legacies reported that it had charge of legacies valued at \$52,931.52. The interest is collected and disbursed for the designated objects by the General Treasurer of Synod. The Commission expressed the belief that all Boards having legacies should at least report their holdings to Synod's Commission on Legacies. Only a few Boards responded to the request this year.

Since a number of Synod's funds are always depleted, not all of the legacies are invested; but some are loaned to these funds at 5 per cent. interest.

The Northern Illinois District reported five legacies valued at \$2,866.91, and a piece of real estate. These are drawing 3 per cent. and 4 per cent. interest.

The Teachers' College at River Forest reported two legacies, of \$5,000 each, the one invested at 4 per cent., the other at 6 per cent.

Concordia College at Fort Wayne reported eighteen legacies valued at \$25,975.56, besides \$30,000 received from the sale of the college farm. This latter money has been loaned to Synod.

St. John's College at Winfield reported three legacies totaling \$650, which make up the St. John's Endowment Fund. A further legacy of \$200 is designated for indigent students at the school.

The following resolution was adopted on recommendation of the committee to which the above report had been referred:—

WHEREAS, Synod decided at its session in Chicago that all Boards of Synod having charge of legacies should report to the Commission on Legacies, and

WHEREAS, this resolution has not been carried out, be it again

Resolved, That all Boards holding legacies report their holdings regularly to the Commission on Legacies.

LEGAL FORMS FOR REQUESTS TO SYNOD.

1. I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, the sum of — — Dollars (\$— —).

2. I give and devise to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, forever, the following property, to wit: (here name and specify property to be transferred to Synod).

3. I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, the sum of — — Dollars (\$— —), to be disbursed for the benefit of (here name object), or for some other purpose to be determined by said Synod.

4. I give and bequeath to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, the sum of

— — Dollars (\$— —), to be invested, and the proceeds of such investment to be disbursed for the benefit of (here name object), or for some other purpose or purposes determined by said Synod.

5. I give, bequeath, and devise to the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, and to its assigns, forever, the following property, to wit: (here name and specify property to be conveyed to Synod), such property to be disposed of by said Synod, or in any manner utilized for (here name object), or for some other use determined by said Synod.

NOTE. — By changing the name of the beneficiary these forms may be used for bequests to a District of Synod, to any one of its institutions, or to a congregation. Forms 1, 3, and 4 are for bequests of a sum of money, forms 2 and 5 for bequests of real estate. In any case make certain that the beneficiary of your bequest is an incorporated body. Otherwise bequeath to Synod, and state the specific object of your bequest, and Synod will make proper transfer.

RELIEF AND SUPPORT.

GENERAL BOARD OF RELIEF.

This Board submitted a detailed financial statement, properly audited, showing receipts and expenditures in its various special treasuries, including an accounting of the legacies in its charge. For the support of invalid pastors and teachers, and of needy widows and orphans of deceased pastors and teachers, the sum of \$11,547.50 was expended. About \$12,000 was given in support to needy congregations from the General Fund. The Board also in its special fund received and transferred \$4,570.51 for relief specifically designated by the donors, such as congregations suffering from earthquakes and cyclones, war-sufferers in Canada, Europe, and Asia.

SUPPORT OF INVALID SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH AND THEIR DEPENDENTS.

A number of suggestions and plans were submitted to Synod anent this matter, all of which were referred to a committee. The recommendations of this committee, *accepted* by Synod, follow:—

I. As Synod has in the past provided for the support of its invalid and incapacitated professors, their dependents, widows, and orphans, so it shall in future also provide for the support of invalid and incapacitated pastors and parish schoolteachers, and for the dependents, widows and orphans, of the deceased pastors and teachers.

In place of the Relief Funds of the General Body and of the Districts, a Support and Pension Fund shall be created, with the distinct understanding that, wherever support is necessary, sufficient support be granted.

II. This fund shall receive

- a) the net profits of the *Homiletic Magazine* and the *Schulblatt*;
- b) ten per cent. of the net profits of Concordia Publishing House;
- c) the legacies held by Synod and the various Districts of Synod for this purpose, in so far as these can be legally received; also future legacies for this purpose;
- d) collections from congregations, free-will contributions from professors, pastors, and teachers, and other donations.

III. A Board shall be elected to administer this fund, the majority to consist of laymen. Its duties shall be:

- a) To receive the reports and recommendations of the subcommittees; to decide whether or not applicants are entitled to support (in case of disagreement the respective District to decide the matter);
- b) To report its decisions to the respective subcommittees;
- c) To create a permanent fund by receiving legacies and gifts, of which the interest only shall be used;
- d) To instruct its treasurer to make the required payments;
- e) To assist the subcommittees in the raising of money;
- f) To keep the subcommittees informed as to the number of persons receiving support, amount required, condition of treasury, etc., by giving them reports at least semiannually;
- g) To submit a detailed report to the Delegate Synod;
- h) To publish from time to time reports and suitable articles regarding its work.

NB. The present District Relief Boards will serve as subcommittees until the next meeting of the District.

IV. Each District shall elect a subcommittee, the number of members and their term of office to be determined by the District. It shall be the duties of the subcommittees:

- a) To examine all applications for support, and report the same together with their recommendations in the matter to the General Board;
- b) In cooperation with the visitors to see to it that sufficient contributions are forthcoming from their respective Districts;
- c) To submit detailed reports to the District Synod.

V. The Board will be guided by the following regulations:—

Entitled to support are:

- a) Professors, pastors, teachers, who are obliged to resign because of the infirmities of old age or sickness.

Exceptions:

1. Those who, although incapacitated for their profession, are able and have opportunity to support themselves by other work;
2. Those who have sufficient resources, and are in no need of support on the part of Synod;
3. Those who have been removed from office on proved charges, or who have resigned to take up a secular calling.

b) The widows and dependent children of professors, pastors, and teachers.

Exceptions:

1. If the widow remarry;
2. If the widow engage in an occupation which sufficiently provides for her support.

For the membership of this Board see "Election Results."

Synod directed this Board to make suitable recommendations in this matter to the next Delegate Synod, and to consider especially the advisability of establishing a regular pension system.

Grievances and Appeals.

A special committee was elected by Synod for each of the following appeals, with results as noted:—

1. Appeal of Pastors L. Brauer, H. Koester, and C. O. Danitschek. — Action of President Juengel and the Kansas District sustained.
2. Grievance of Pastor J. H. Fuhrmann. — Synod declined to reopen this case, and instructed the Secretary to caution Pastor Fuhrmann against continuing his abuse of Synod and its officers.
3. Appeal of Mr. A. J. Folkers, of Sterling, Ill. — Action of Iowa District sustained.
4. Appeal of Mr. H. Pieper and wife, of Edwardsville, Ill. — No action because documentary evidence was not furnished by appellant.
5. Protest of Pastors Discher and Runge in the "Springfield Matter." — Protest not sustained, and action of synodical committee of 1914 endorsed.

INTERSYNODICAL MATTERS.

AMALGAMATION OF SYNODS.

The Committee appointed by Synod at its sessions in 1914 reported as follows:—

The Committee appointed by the esteemed President of Synod (see 1914 report, p. 175) has endeavored to accomplish the purpose of its appointment, and begs to submit to Synod the following:—

After holding four meetings, in which the matter of amalgamation of all synods confessing the true faith was most carefully considered and weighed, your Committee met on May 5, 1915, with a similar committee of the General Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Other States. Three sessions were held, in which the plans of each committee anent this matter were very carefully considered. Both committees came to the conclusion that a closer union of the synods now forming the Synodical Conference is desirable, such union to be brought about by the amalgamation of these synods into one general body. The following basis was agreed upon:—

1. All synods forming the Synodical Conference shall disband.
2. The proposed new body shall be known as "The Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America."
3. The thus reorganized Synodical Conference shall take charge of, and administer, all general missions.
4. This Synodical Conference shall take over the administration and maintenance of the publication concerns.
5. This Synodical Conference shall take over the administration and maintenance of the theological seminaries.
6. If a District or Districts in whose territory there is a preparatory school ("Gymnasium") should desire to take over the administration and maintenance of such school, the General Body shall give the control of that school over to such District or Districts.
7. All property of the present synods shall be transferred to the new body.
8. The General Body shall be divided into State or District Synods.

Since that meeting the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Other States, assembled in regular session in July, 1916, has adopted the following resolution and amendment thereto:—

"Inasmuch as our Synod is already divided into Districts, and the union in our General Body has prospered and the plan for the consolidation or amalgamation of all synods within the Synodical

Conference tends toward general confusion, this plan is not acceptable to us." — *Amendment*: "That our General Body consider this matter after a reorganization shall have taken place." (See report, p. 114.)

In view of this resolution your Committee has deemed it useless to continue its activities, but would like to recommend that Synod declare itself ready and willing to take up this matter again, as soon as the Wisconsin Synod is willing to consider this matter further.

Respectfully submitted to Synod by its Committee:

C. H. BECKER.	FRED PRITZLAFF.
A. F. W. FEDDER.	J. SCHINNERER.
AUG. KRINGEL.	E. TATGE.
H. MAUNTLER.	EUG. TETZLAFF.
J. C. MEYER.	O. KAISER, <i>Chairman</i> .
	KARL EISSFELDT, <i>Secretary</i> .

The committee to which this report was referred made the following recommendation:—

"Our Synod has been willing for decades to unite organically with such synods as confess the same faith with us, is willing to-day to do this, and hopes that with the gracious help of God this may be accomplished in the near future. We recommend the appointment of a committee that may be ready to act further as soon as this is agreeable to the Wisconsin Synod."

Resolved, To accept the recommendation of the Committee.

Resolved, That the General President appoint a committee that shall be prepared to treat with the Wisconsin Synod as soon as the Wisconsin Synod is so inclined.

INTERSYNODICAL CONFERENCES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

For more than two years intersynodical conferences have been held particularly in the Northwest, which have engaged the attention also of those not directly taking part. One result of these conferences is the following communication:—

St. Paul, Minn., May 10, 1917.

TO THE SYNOD OF MISSOURI, OHIO, AND OTHER STATES:—

We pastors of the Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, and Missouri Synods, assembled for an intersynodical conference at St. Paul, Minn., should like to submit to Synod the result of our discussions on controverted doctrines in a number of conferences, and enclose documents for this purpose. We should like to suggest that Synod appoint a committee to examine these documents in conjunction with similar committees from the other synods, or that Synod take any other

feasible steps to bring about complete unity of doctrine in the several synods.

Respectfully submitted in the name of the Intersynodical Conference assembled at St. Paul, Minn., May 9, 1917,

by

A. H. KUNTZ,

Secretary of the Committee.

We beg to submit the following result of our deliberations:—

Your Committee recognizes the efforts which have been put forth privately by members of our Synod, the Iowa Synod, and the Ohio Synod, as having a laudable and worthy object. The documents which were given your Committee for inspection clearly show that the discussions have not been without fruit.

It is very evident that there exists an earnest and proper desire to remove in a God-pleasing manner the doctrinal differences separating the several Lutheran synods.

On the other hand, your Committee has gained the conviction that these efforts have reached such proportions that they can no longer be considered a private matter.

We believe that a proper estimate of the results achieved cannot be made by Synod at its present sessions, and yet such an estimate should be made by Synod and in the name of Synod.

We believe this should be done at once.

We therefore recommend to Synod that it carry out the suggestion of the communication submitted, and elect a committee which shall examine these documents, be prepared to treat with similar committees representing other Lutheran synods, and offer advice where these efforts are being put forth within our circles.

This report was adopted.

The following committee was elected by ballot: Prof. Mezger, of the Concordia Seminary Faculty; Pastor J. G. F. Kleinhans, President of the Southern Illinois District; and Pastor O. L. Hohenstein, of Peoria, Ill.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COMMUNION WINE AND PROHIBITION.

As recent Federal legislation would make it impossible for the brethren in some States to secure communion wine, President Pfothenhauer, upon request, appointed a special committee, No. 20, to look into this matter and recommend action to this Synod.

The committee reported:—

"With reference to the legislative paragraph that concerns us: 'That no letter, postal card, circular,' etc. (see Public—No. 380—

64th Congress H. R. 19410, pp. 12, 13), the Postoffice Department at Washington has given the following advice under date of June 12, 1917: —

"This Act makes unmailable all matter containing advertisements or solicitations for orders for intoxicating liquor, without exception, concerning the use to which it is proposed to put such liquors, and the Department will accordingly be compelled to regard as unmailable all such matter, irrespective of the person addressed, or the purpose for which the wine is sold, when addressed to territory covered by the Act, on and after July 1st next."

"Since such a law would make it impossible for pastors and congregations in dry States to obtain communion wine, your Committee recommends that the following letter be at once dispatched to the President of the United States: —

"Milwaukee, Wis., June 23, 1917.

"Hon. Woodrow Wilson,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

"DEAR SIR: —

"We, the undersigned, official delegates of the congregations constituting the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, representing over one million souls, assembled in Triennial Convention at Milwaukee, Wis., petition Your Honor to assist us and others in gaining relief in the following matter: —

"According to an opinion rendered by the Post Office Department through its solicitor on June 12, 1917, signed by Mr. W. H. Lamar, Section 5, of Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1917, bearing title: Public No. 380, 64th Congress, House Bill 19,410, 'makes unmailable all matters containing advertisements or solicitation for order for intoxicating liquors without exception, concerning the use to which it is proposed to put such liquor,' 'the Department will accordingly be compelled to regard as unmailable all such matter, irrespective of the person addressed, or the purpose for which the wine is sold, when addressed to territory covered by the Act, on and after July 1st next.' The opinion by Mr. Lamar, by reason of questions, literature, and stationery submitted, also makes it appear that not even a bill of lading for wine shipped upon private and unsolicited orders could be sent through the mail. This clearly makes it a practical impossibility for our and other Churches and pastors, in many of the dry States covered by the Act, to secure sacramental wines, which is our only interest in the matter. But this is of vital import to us, since it is one of our religious tenets, and a belief based upon what we are convinced is a Biblical and hence a divine command, that in the celebration of the Lord's Supper nothing but wine,

i. e., fermented grape-juice, may be used. It has been universally conceded that under the First Amendment, Congress may enact no Law interfering with the use of wine in any Sacrament, or making it impossible to secure wine for such purposes.

"Since the law is to go into effect July 1st of this year, we beg of you immediately to bring to the notice of Congress this interference with the religious liberty, constitutionally guaranteed to our and other Churches, and to secure the introduction of an amendment to the above-mentioned Act, allowing the mails to carry such mailing-matter as is unconditionally necessary to enable the Churches, one and all, to secure the wine needed for sacramental purposes.

"Yours most respectfully,

"WM. SCHOENFELD, *Chairman.*

"H. SCHROEDER, *Secretary.*

"VAL. KERN.

"K. KRETZSCHMAR.

"A. H. DELETZKE.

ACTION. — The above letter was transmitted to President Wilson by telegraph and by mail. Also, upon further recommendation of the committee a protest was prepared, to be forwarded to members of Congress, of like wording as the above letter, and with the following paragraph added: —

"We also beg to inform you that our entire Synod through its delegates, assembled in convention at Milwaukee, Wis., from June 20th to June 30th this year, forwarded a petition of like intent and purport to the President. We respectfully ask you to bring this petition to the knowledge of the Senate and the House of Representatives."

Of this petition 9,000 copies were printed and distributed at Synod, so that each delegate should have three copies for each congregation in his circuit.

REPORTING THE SYNOD.

Synod adopted two recommendations of a committee: —

1. That henceforth the General President appoint a special Press Committee of not less than three persons some months before the convention of Synod, whose duty it shall be before, during, and after the convention to supply correct information to the press, and to endeavor to prevent the publication of incorrect statements.

2. That hereafter the regular way of bringing a summary report of Synod's proceedings to our congregations be the one adopted this year, to wit, that a special number of the *Lutheraner* and *Lutheran Witness* be published after the convention; and that congregations be advised to order a copy for every family. In this way also new subscribers might be secured for these periodicals.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

The English District had submitted this overture:—

"Resolved, That we ask the General Body to appoint a committee to supervise the work among Young People's Societies."

Synod adopted the following report of its special committee: "We are of the opinion that the time has not yet come for the Delegate Body to concern itself with the work among young people. We recommend that this question be discussed at conferences and District Synods. In this way it is to be hoped that a system will gradually be developed whereby the Young People's Societies will be encouraged, advanced, and safeguarded in their laudable undertakings."

IN MEMORIAM.

President Pfothenauer announced to Synod that on June 13, 1917, Mr. J. F. Schuricht had fallen asleep in Christ, in his home at St. Louis, Mo., at the ripe age of ninety-four years. The President reminded Synod that this father and brother in Christ was one of the original Saxon settlers and founders of our Synod; that in him there has passed away, so far as known, the oldest member of our body; that this zealous Lutheran and advanced Christian had labored incessantly for the upbuilding of the Church of the pure faith in our country; that he to the last was a generous supporter of all the causes in the Kingdom, his home for decades being ever open to theological students and synodical guests; and that in particular Mr. Schuricht had been one of our first synodical treasurers, and that thus in him a faithful past officer of Synod has entered into the rest that remaineth to the people of God.

In view of the above, Synod adopted this resolution:—

"That we cherish the memory of the esteemed brother and synodical officer; and that we join the family of the deceased in extolling the unmeasured grace of God that was glorified in the life and death of the departed, through which grace he now beholds his Savior face to face in heavenly light and eternal bliss."

GREETINGS.

Greetings were received from the Minnesota Synod, concluding its convention at Mankato, Minn.; from the Rev. H. H. Walker, York, Pa., for many years President of the Eastern District and Chairman of the College of Presidents; and from the Arkansas and West Tennessee Pastoral Conference, assembled in Little Rock, Ark.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Hearty votes of thanks were ordered given to—

1. Dr. F. Pieper, for his splendid essay on "The Reconciliation of Man with God";

2. The Rev. P. Brand, for his many years of faithful services to Synod as General Vice-President;

3. Architect Chas. F. May, for unselfish and gratis services in the General Board of Control;

4. All officers whose term of service expired with this convention;

5. The congregations and families in Milwaukee that entertained Synod; the committees and choirs that arranged the beautiful Jubilee Service; the good women who served the noonday meals; and all who in any wise served Synod during the convention;

6. Messrs. Luedke and Pritzlaff, who personally paid for the use of Plankinton Hall for the full time of the convention;

7. The English and German local press, particularly the *Germania* and the *Rundschau*, for good daily reports and free copies to delegates. (Other votes of thanks are incorporated at the proper place in the proceedings.)

CONDOLENCES

of Synod were transmitted by the Secretary to—

1. The Rev. J. E. A. Mueller, who lay a-dying in Chicago (Pastor Mueller and congregation had entertained the 1914 Synod);

2. Prof. C. J. Heuer, in St. Paul, who has been incapacitated by a second stroke of paralysis.

SERVICES DURING SYNOD.

Friday evening: sermon on missions by Pastor A. H. Kuntz. Sunday forenoon: confessional address by Pastor W. Proehl; main sermon by Pastor H. Grueber. Tuesday evening: sermon on Christian schools by Pastor M. J. Von der Au. Thursday evening: pastoral sermon by Pastor F. T. Keller.

JUBILEE SERVICES.

On Sunday, June 24, two beautiful jubilee services were held in the Auditorium, commemorative of the Quadricentennial of the Reformation. The festival speakers were: afternoon, German, Dir. W. C. Kohn, of River Forest; English, Prof. F. Bente, of St. Louis; evening, English, Prof. Geo. A. Romoser, of Bronxville; German, Pastor H. Haake, of Chicago. Glorious anthems to the praise of God were rendered by mass choirs of adults and children under the direction of Parochial Teachers Baumgart, Grossmann, and Jaeger, of Milwaukee. The thank-offering was devoted to Synod's Jubilee Church Extension Fund.

NEXT CONVENTION.

The congregations of Fort Wayne as well as those of Detroit kindly invited Synod to meet in their midst three years hence. By ballot the Detroit invitation was accepted, with thanks to the congregations of both cities.

ADJOURNMENT.

With the singing of "Ein' feste Burg," the confession of the Creed, the Lord's Prayer spoken in unison, and a prayer by the retiring Vice-President, the venerable Rev. Peter Brand, Synod adjourned on Friday, June 29, 11.30 A. M., to meet, God willing, in Detroit in 1920.

SOLI DEO GLORIA.**Officers of Synod.****I. OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THREE YEARS.****General Officers.**

REV. F. PFOTENHAUER, *President*.
 REV. J. W. MILLER, *First Vice-President*.
 REV. J. HILGENDORF, *Second Vice-President*.
 REV. F. BRAND, *Third Vice-President*.
 REV. H. P. ECKHARDT, *Fourth Vice-President*.
 PROF. R. D. BIEDERMANN, *Secretary*.
 MR. E. SEUEL, *Treasurer*,
 3558 S. Jefferson Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

Boards of Supervision.**GENERAL BOARD OF SUPERVISION.**

Rev. W. Hagen, Detroit, Mich.; Mr. Benjamin Bosse, Evansville, Ind.;
 Mr. H. W. Horst, Rock Island, Ill.

LOCAL BOARDS OF SUPERVISION.

1. *St. Louis*: Rev. C. C. Schmidt; Messrs. A. G. Brauer, H. F. Bente, J. P. Hahn.
2. *Springfield*: Rev. W. Heyne; Messrs. G. A. Bretscher, G. Bettinghaus, F. Van Horn.
3. *Fort Wayne*: Rev. A. Lange; Messrs. W. Br  uer, H. Hartwig, C. Scheimann.
4. *Milwaukee*: Rev. B. Sievers; Messrs. H. A. Luedke, Fr. Pritzlaff, W. Starcke.
5. *St. Paul*: Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim; Messrs. J. H. Henke, A. Hillmann, J. H. Meyer.
6. *Concordia*: Rev. G. Moeller; Messrs. W. Dierker, Julius Voigt, J. Weissbrodt.
7. *Bronxville*: Rev. W. Koepchen; Messrs. Dr. F. H. Heckel, H. F. Holtorf, W. Wieda.
8. *Winfield*: Rev. R. Miessler; Messrs. J. P. Baden, R. F. E  el, D. Meyer.

9. *Conover*: Rev. O. W. Kreinheder, Rev. M. Kuegele; Messrs. C. S. Coyner, J. E. Heffner, John Holler, G. Moehlmann.

10. *River Forest*: Rev. Ernst Werfelmann; Messrs. W. Schlake, Paul Schulze, C. Zuttermeister.

11. *Seward*: Rev. H. Miessler; Messrs. F. Christjenner, P. Herpolsheimer, H. Kath.

NB. To each of the above Boards is to be added as an ex officio member the President of the respective District.

Electoral Boards.

1. *St. Louis* (the names are arranged according to number of votes received): Pastors J. A. Friedrich, M. Sommer, W. Behrens, F. Brust, F. E. Brauer. *Substitutes*: Pastors C. F. Brommer, C. Baepfer, Chr. Barth, A. Fuehler, U. Iben.

2. *Springfield*: Pastors F. Wambsganss, O. H. Horn, O. L. Hohenstein, J. H. F. Kleinhans, F. W. Brockmann. *Substitutes*: Pastors G. Schuessler, F. E. Brauer, H. A. Klein, Theo. Wolfram, C. Keller.

3. *Fort Wayne*: Pastors M. Kretzmann, Theo. Schurdel, J. M. Gugel, H. Zorn, Theo. Horst. *Substitutes*: Pastors Theo. Moellering, F. Tresselt, J. Adam Schmidt, R. Smukal, H. Kohlmeier.

4. *Milwaukee*: Pastors O. Kaiser, W. Matthes, E. Zapf, H. Succop, C. Schmidt. *Substitutes*: Pastors O. List, H. Maack, C. P. Schulz, R. Schroth, —.

5. *St. Paul*: Pastors P. Brammer, H. Bouman, J. Cloeter, J. C. Meyer, Fr. Randt. *Substitutes*: Pastors A. C. Bode, F. Leyhe, W. Schneider, B. Klausler, F. Kreutz.

6. *Concordia*: Pastors C. Bernthal, P. Matuschka, C. Niermann, L. Schwartz, G. Mueller. *Substitutes*: J. Roschke, J. Nickel, F. W. Schulze, A. H. Poppe, J. H. Mueller.

7. *Bronxville*: Pastors Martin Walker, W. Schoenfeld, H. Birkner, A. Brunn, C. Kuehn. *Substitutes*: O. Sieker, O. Ungemach, H. Brauns, E. Fischer, G. Schmidt.

8. *Winfield*: Pastors F. Droegemueller, C. Hafner, F. Busse, H. Mueller, J. H. F. Hoyer. *Substitutes*: Pastors H. Studtmann, H. Kilian, J. G. B. Keller, A. W. Kraemer, E. M. Robert.

9. *Conover*: Pastors E. J. Friedrich, W. Burhop, H. Schroeder, O. W. H. Lindemeyer. *Substitutes*: Pastors J. F. Wenchel, F. H. Meuschke, W. D. Peters, Theo. Sorge.

10. *River Forest*: Pastors L. Hoelter, J. F. Boerger, H. Succop. *Substitutes*: Pastors A. Both, L. A. Heerboth, L. Nuechterlein. — Teachers G. A. Theiss, J. G. Kirsch. *Substitutes*: Teachers O. Kolb, Sr., A. L. Wendt.

11. *Seward*: Pastors K. Kretzschmar, M. J. Von der Au, P. Matuschka. *Substitutes*: Pastors W. Harms, E. Oelschlaeger, R. Amstein. — Teachers H. Hillmann, J. Bernthal. *Substitutes*: Teachers J. H. Brase, P. Frese.

12. *Oakland*: Pastors A. Brohm, J. W. Theiss, M. Liebe. *Substitutes*: Pastor A. E. Michel, Mr. P. W. Ehlen.

13. *Portland*: Pastors J. C. Beyerlein, O. Fedder, F. Dobberfu  l, H. Koppelman, H. Bohl. *Substitutes*: Pastors H. J. Kolb, W. J. Janssen, C. Hereth, F. M. L. Nitz, F. Zehe.

14. *New Orleans*: —.

15. *Porto Alegre*: The Board for Home Missions in Foreign Countries.

Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House.

Newly elected: R. Leonhardt, W. Junghans, Geo. D. Carl. — *Holders*: Rev. J. J. Bernthal; Teacher G. H. Runge; Messrs. Chas. Schroeter (President) and G. Luehrmann.

Mission Boards.

1. *Home Missions in North America*: Pastors C. F. Dietz, Sr., and H. G. Schmidt; Mr. F. Ruenzel. (Board located in Milwaukee.)
2. *Home Missions in Foreign Countries*: Pastors Karl Schmidt and Aug. Burgdorf; Mr. F. Griesbach. (Board located in Chicago.)
3. *Immigrant Missions*: Elected in 1917: Pastor Chr. Merkel; Messrs. Theo. Lamprecht and H. F. Roesmeyer. Elected in 1914: Pastors A. Beyer and C. J. Borth; Messrs. H. Brummer and N. A. Stemmermann. (Board located in New York City.)
4. *Missions to People of Foreign Tongues in the United States*: Pastors J. D. Matthius, Fr. Wambsganss, F. Markworth; Messrs. H. C. Vehling, C. J. Dammeyer. (Indianapolis and vicinity.)
5. *Deaf-mute Missions*: Pastors A. H. Kuntz, J. Huchthausen, E. Nachtsheim; Messrs. H. Lange, J. Fuerbringer. (St. Paul and Minneapolis.)
6. *Indian Mission*: Pastors H. Maack, Jr., D. Markworth, F. Selle; Messrs. Robert Genrich, G. Johannes. (Northern Wisconsin.)
7. *Jewish Mission*: Pastors P. Roesener, H. C. Steup, S. Frey; Messrs. W. F. Weber, Aug. Mayer, J. J. Herbert. (Greater New York.)
8. *Foreign Missions*: Central Board in St. Louis: Professors L. Fuerbringer and E. Pardieck; Pastors R. Kretschmar and C. Barth; Messrs. L. Tirmenstein and G. Schmidt. — Non-resident members: Prof. F. Zucker; Pastors Ferd. Sievers, P. Roesener, J. F. Boerger, Vice-President F. Brand, and Pastor Aug. Rehwalddt.

General Board for Support and Pensions.

(For invalid professors, pastors, and teachers; also for widows and orphans of professors, pastors, and teachers.)

Pastor F. G. Kuehnert; Teacher O. Kolb, Sr.; Messrs. C. H. Dehning, O. C. Miessler, Theo. Doering.

General Relief Board.

(Duties and powers as hitherto, except in so far as transferred to the newly created preceding Board.)

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