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I. N. J.

The Thirty-third Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States was opened by an inspiring and impressive service in Holy Cross Church. The first Vice-President of Synod, Rev. F. Brand, Director of Foreign Missions, delivered the sermon. He chose as his text the words: "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering (for He is faithful that promised), and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works." Heb. 10, 23, 24. He spoke on "A Twofold Call to Faithfulness: 1) To hold fast to the profession of our faith; 2) to exercise brotherly love." After directing attention to the wide-spread falling away from the revealed truth of Scripture within the visible Church, to the antagonism of human science toward Christianity, and to the great temptation to grow lax in doctrine and practise, he issued a fervent call to be faithful to the Word and the Confessions. He admonished his hearers to have a living faith, a faith which manifests itself in love of God and man. Our love of man should show itself in concern for their souls, zeal for missions and for the work of educating men who may be sent to preach the Gospel to souls that are without Christ.

On Wednesday afternoon, June 9, the first business sessions began with a devotional exercise by the local pastor, Rev. P. Koenig. The secretary of Synod, Rev. M. Kretzmann, of Kendallville, Ind., thereupon announced the following registrations: Voting pastors, 259; lay delegates, 233; presidents, 29; advisory pastors, 48; teachers, 66; members of boards, 91; professors, 33. *Total*, 759. A quorum having registered, the President declared Synod to be in session and presented his address and report.

Chaplain and English Secretary.

Rev. W. Lichtsinn, of Hammond, Ind., was elected chaplain. The appointment of Prof. Paul F. Bente, of Fort Wayne, Ind., as English Assistant Secretary was ratified.

Sessions.

Sixteen business sessions, lasting from 9 A. M. to 12 M. and from 1.30 to 4 P. M., were held in Holy Cross Church, beginning Wednesday afternoon, June 9, and ending Friday afternoon, June 19. The chaplain, Rev. W. Lichtsinn, of Hammond, Ind., opened each morning session with brief devotional exercises in German and each afternoon session with a brief devotional exercise in English. On Tuesday,

June 15, the devotional exercises took the form of a memorial service for the brethren who had departed this life during the past three years. At the opening of each session the minutes of the previous meeting were read in German and in English by the secretaries, corrected when necessary, and then adopted.

Doctrinal Essays.

Two doctrinal essays were presented to Synod. Prof. F. Pieper, D. D., delivered three lectures on the theme, "Christianity in Its Relation to All Other Religions." Prof. W. H. T. Dau, D. D., lectured on "the Pursuit of Sciences which God Approves."

Divine Services.

Besides the opening service, the following divine services were conducted: *School Service* at Holy Cross Church, Friday evening, June 11, with a sermon by the Rev. F. H. Brunn, of Bay City, Mich.; *Dedication Exercises of Concordia Seminary* on Sunday afternoon, June 13, at the Seminary grounds, with sermons by the Rev. F. Pfothenhauer, D. D., and the Rev. J. W. Behnken, of Houston, Tex., President of the Texas District; *Pastoral Service* with Holy Communion at Holy Cross Church, Wednesday evening, June 16, the confessional address being delivered by the Rev. L. A. Heerboth, of Wheaton, Ill., and the pastoral sermon by the Rev. E. Berthold, of Danville, Ill.

The Address of the President.

Under the words of Ps. 143, 5: "I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Thy works; I muse on the work of Thy hands," Luther once wrote in the Bible of a friend: "The holy Christian Church is the foremost work of God, for the sake of which all things were created and in which great miracles occur daily, such as forgiving sins, taking away death, and giving righteousness and eternal life." These words of the great Reformer are well suited to awaken in us a great earnestness and a holy enthusiasm for the synodical business which will have our attention during these days.

Luther makes this statement: "The Christian Church is the foremost work of God." It is true that the work of creation and preservation is unspeakably great, praiseworthy, and glorious and that it continually incites us to proclaim the omnipotence, wisdom, and goodness of our God. But the Church is a still more glorious work. It is, in fact, God's masterpiece. Luther mentions two reasons why this is so; the first is that all things were made for the sake of the Church. It is to the Church that the world owes its existence. If God had not decided to build a Church for Himself on earth, the world would have gone to pieces after the Fall. Seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, go on because

the Church needs these things. They are, as it were, the scaffolding of the structure He is erecting.

As the world itself exists for the sake of the Church, so the happenings in the world, all events, both great and small, bear the same relation to the Church. The rising and passing of the great world-kingsdoms took place in the interest of the Church. The changing of the boundaries between nations, as after the World War, the migration of peoples and individuals, as in the last century to America and in America, happened for the sake of the Church. Severe visitations and judgments, such as war and bloodshed, famine and pestilence, are sent by God for the sake of the Church.

My brethren, if we fully understand from the above that all happenings in the world bear the same relation to the Church and are of importance solely because of this, our present gathering certainly appears to be an event of the highest importance, because it is directly and immediately connected with the building of the Church. During these days we are serving the great cause of building the Church of Christ. Let us bear this in mind and therefore request God the Holy Ghost in continual prayer to be with us, to lead and guide our discussions, so that, by God's grace, we may be found worthy of assuming the great task before us.

In the second place, the Church is the foremost work of God because, as Luther says, in it great miracles occur daily, such as forgiving sins, taking away death, and giving righteousness and eternal life. Surely those were great miracles—feeding five thousand men, besides women and children, with five loaves of bread, giving sight to the blind, enabling the lame to walk, and raising the dead. But these miracles are greater and more glorious—relieving a lost and condemned creature of his burden of sin and making of him a blessed child of God.

We are met here in these days to do the greater works of which the Savior speaks when He says: "I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do." We wish to deliberate on the weal and woe of our educational institutions, on how we may extend our missions, etc., and we would assist our congregations to hallow God's name by pure doctrine and godly practise. (Tr., W. G. P.)

The President's Report.

In his report our venerable President, Dr. F. Pfothenhauer, directed attention to the fact that, as the printed manual shows, there is more business on the program for this Delegate Synod than in previous years. All institutions of Synod were regularly visited, and many meetings with various synodical officers and committees were held. The Vice-Presidents lent generous assistance by attending the

sessions of District conventions, and when sickness prevented them from doing so, professors at our institutions and Pastor Dietz, Sr., chairman of our Home Missions Board, gave their services. Our synodical institutions all report an increasing enrolment, which makes the appointment of new instructors imperative.

The Districts, at their conventions, gave much time to the discussion of doctrinal papers, and in their business sessions the consideration of parochial school and mission-questions constituted a prominent part of the program. As to missions in particular, lack of sufficient funds has hampered the desired progress. It is hoped that the present Delegate Synod will take the necessary steps to make the extension of our mission-program possible. "The shadows are growing longer, and the end of the world is near. Truly, we have no time to lose!"

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	Totals.	Members of Syn. Boards.	Totals.	Members of Syn. Boards.	Totals.	Members of Syn. Boards.
1. Alberta and British Columbia.	3		27		1	
2. Atlantic.	24		6		1	
3. Brazil.	2		2		1	
4. California and Nevada.	8		2		1	
5. Canada (Ontario).	6		19		1	
6. Central.	46		7		1	
7. Central Illinois.	22		3		1	
8. Colorado.	3		3		1	
9. Eastern.	28		2		1	
10. English.	29		3		1	
11. Iowa.	43		7		1	
12. Kansas.	22		1		2	
13. Manitoba and Saskatchewan.	7		9		1	
14. Michigan.	31		1		1	
15. Minnesota.	33		11		2	
16. Northern Illinois.	35		2		4	
17. Northern Nebraska.	18		3		1	
18. North Wisconsin.	22		1		1	
19. North Dakota and Montana.	12		4		1	
20. Oklahoma.	7		1		1	
21. Oregon and Washington.	4		2		1	
22. South Dakota.	4		3		1	
23. Southern Illinois.	11		2		1	
24. Southern.	6		3		1	
25. Southern Nebraska.	20		2		1	
26. South Wisconsin.	19		1		1	
27. Texas.	12		3		1	
28. Western.	48		19		1	
	536	83	169	10	9	12
	260	70	34	25	4	9
	276	38	27	10	5	6

Committees.

The reports, memorials, and petitions to Synod were referred to special committees appointed by the President from the register of Synod before the opening of Synod and so published in the official papers, the *Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness*. Necessary changes in these committees were made during the first sessions. At the close of the first sessions most of the committee members met to arrange for time and place of meeting. At this time all unprinted memorials were also given to the respective chairmen. No committees on appeals having been appointed, the following were elected from the floor to constitute a Nominating Committee for committees on appeals: Pastors A. Bartling (N. Ill.) and H. Heinemann (Minn.). Lay delegates: F. C. Capelle (N. Wis.) and E. Fester (Cent. Ill.), Teacher J. Bernthal (N. Nebr.).

Committees and Their Work.

(German Report, p. 26.)

NOTE. — Numbers over 100 refer to printed, numbers under 100 refer to unprinted documents.

Committee 1: Institutions. Reports and Memorials 101—126. 128—131. 133—140. 204. 314. 3. 1. 12. 14. 19. 32, Supervision of Our Institutions: Southern Indiana Pastoral Conference. 35, Physical Examinations and Libraries of Institutions: Professors' Conference. 38, Dormitory for Girls: Local Board of Seward. 40, Salary Increase for Professors at River Forest: Central Conference of Northern Illinois. 42, Leave of Absence to be Granted to Professors: Local Board of Fort Wayne. 50, Conover: English District. 59, Senior College: Western District. 60, Memorial: College in Texas. 64, Senior College: Pastoral Conference of Minnesota. — All District Presidents. The Building Committee of the Board of Directors. Pastors: List (N. Wis. Dist.), Brueggemann (N. Nebr.), Prange (Engl.), Sander (East.), Dewald (S. Dak.). Professor Behrens (Cent. Ill.). Teachers: Kirsch (N. Ill.), Ernst (Minn.), Hedemann (Kans.). Lay Delegates: F. O. Schmidt (Iowa), Graf (Mich.), Holtermann (Cent.), Schreiber (N. Dak.-Mont.), Behrends (Cent. Ill.). Advisory Member: The Treasurer of Synod. Chairman: President Grueber.

Committee 2: Accreditation Certificates and Registration. — Pastors: Frenz (West.), Kollmorgen (West.). Teacher Kuehnert (West.). Lay Delegates: Taenzer (Engl.), Burmeister (West.).

Committee 3: Nominations. Committee appointed by a synodical committee. — Pastors: Lichtsinn (Cent.), Niedner (West.), Borth (Atl.), List (Mich.), Lindemann (Engl.), Kohn (Minn.), Rehahn (Cent. Ill.). Teachers: Kolb (Colo.), Wegener (N. Ill.), Lange (Tex.). Lay Delegates: Kuechle (S. Wis.), Pipho (Iowa), Kluge (S. Ill.), Parsch (S. Dak.), Gellnick (N. Dak.-Mont.).

Committee 4: Elections. — Pastor Poppe (West.).

Committee 5: Christian Day-school and Sunday-school. 201—203. 2. 36, Elementary Education: Proviso Pastors' and Teachers' Conference. 48, Attorney on General School Board. — Pastors: Horst (Cent.), Michel (Cal.-Nev.), Boester (N. Ill.), Nissen (Alta.-B. C.). Professors: Neitzel, Schmitt. Teachers: Kirchhoff (Atl.), Umbach (Mich.), Baumgart (S. Wis.). Lay Delegates: Bauer (Mich.), Frerking (West.), Riepe (S. Nebr.), Pluedemann (S. Dak.).

Committee 6: Young People's Work. 504. — Pastors: Steinhoff (Engl.), Meyer (N. Nebr.), Feiertag (Colo.), Dietz, Jr. (S. Wis.). Prof. Schnedler. Teachers: Gruber (Cal.-Nev.), Huebner (East.). Lay Delegates: Brandhorst (Atl.), Roepe (Iowa), Schnitzmeier (S. Ill.), Schroeder (Minn.).

Committee 7: Home Missions in North America and Church Extension Fund. 310. 314. 2. 604. 612—614. 620. 9. 44, National Church at Washington: Christ Church, Washington, D. C. — Pastors: Keller (Cent.), Hinck (N. Dak.-Mont.), Ehlers (Engl.), Wetzstein (Man.-Sask.), Pottberg (Atl.). President Meyer. Teachers: W. R. Schmidt (N. Nebr.), Voskamp (N. Wis.). Lay Delegates: Fischer (Iowa), Rubbert (Minn.), Harloff (N. Ill.), Schweitzer (East.), Bartels (Okla.).

Committee 8: Home Missions Abroad. 302. 315. 406 B. 10. 15. 17. 28, Report of European Board. 55, Representation in the Board for South America: Pastoral Conference of Brazil. 56, High School in South America: Pastoral Conference of Brazil. — Pastors: Steege (Atl.), Brunn (Mich.), Senne (West.), Moerbe (Tex.), Schorman (S. Nebr.). President Klein. Teachers: Kosche (Cent.), Suhr (Iowa). Lay Delegates: Schlake (N. Ill.), Rastede (N. Nebr.), Ladwig (N. Wis.), Thiemecke (East.), Bodeker (S. Ill.).

Committee 9: Deaf-mute and Jewish Missions. 304. 305. 62, Literature for the Blind: Board for Deaf-mute Missions. — Pastors: Albrecht (Iowa), Heckmann (Tex.), Busse (Atl.), Erck (S. Nebr.). Teacher Rupprecht (N. Ill.). Lay Delegates: Grefe (Minn.), Sauer (Cent.), Warther (East.), Burgdorf (S. Ill.).

Committee 10: Foreign-tongue, Indian, and Negro Missions. 306. 309. 26, Report of the Board for Foreign-tongue Missions. — Pastors: Kleinhans (Cent.), Hoyer (Okla.), Ulbricht (N. Dak.-Mont.), Handrich (N. Wis.). Teacher A. D. Abraham (N. Ill.). Lay Delegates: Peplow (Mich.), Spode (Tex.), Schwermann (N. Ill.), Gennrich (N. Wis.).

Committee 11: Foreign Missions. 303. 24, Mission among Asiatics: California and Nevada District. 43, Regular Visitation of China Mission-field. — Pastors: Harms (Iowa), Heerboth (N. Ill.), Lochner (S. Wis.), Brauer (S. Ill.). President Romoser. Teachers: Kollmorgen (Cent.), Wallmann (Minn.). Lay Delegates: Buettner (Mich.), Kaufmann (N. Ill.), Struwe (S. Nebr.), Schramm (West.).

Committee 12: Immigrant and Seamen's Missions. 307. 308. 311. 312. 607. 4. 5. 6. — Pastors: Juengel (Kans.), Duenow (S. Ill.), Holls (South.), Gallmeier (Ont.). Teacher Giesing (Cent. Ill.). Lay Delegates: Ortnr (Mich.), Sandersfeld (Iowa), Hillger (Minn.), Scheidt (Cent.). — Committees 7 to 12 deliberated jointly on Overtures 301. 515. Chairman: Rev. Keller.

Committee 13: Constitutional Matters. 314. 1. 403—406 A. 407. 408 A. B. 510. 18. 25, Amalgamation of English District: California and Nevada District. 33, Electoral Colleges: Committee on Constitutional Matters. 34, Language Question: Southern District. 39, Synodical District in Argentina: Pastoral Conference of Argentina. 51, Amalgamation of English District: English District. 54, Division of Brazil District: Pastoral Conference of Brazil. — Pastors: Hafner (Kans.), Matthes (S. Wis.), Stienke (East.). Professor Mueller. President Kohn. Teachers: Lindemann (S. Dak.), Becker (S. Nebr.). Lay Delegates: Dietrich (Cal.-Nev.), Scheuermann (Engl.), Reisig (Mich.), Uecker (Minn.).

Committee 14: Publications. 501—503. 505—509. 511—513. 617. 3. 8. 13. 16. 27, Synodical Reports: Northeast Nebraska Conference. 31, Amalgamation of Our Church Publications: Sioux City Conference. — Pastors: Kolch (Mich.), Reinke (N. Ill.), Braeunig (Cent. Ill.), Seltz (Minn.), Loose (Cent.). Professors: Lobeck, Heintze. Teachers: Ruecker (Oreg.-Wash.), Rochlitz (Iowa). Lay Delegates: Behrens (Engl.), Vogt (West), Armbruster (Alta.-B. C.), Kuehn (Atl.), Isern (Kans.).

Committee 15: Finances. 601—603. 608—611. 615. 616. 618. 619. 621. 29, Deficit in Treasuries: Fort Wayne Conference. L. L. L. Overture. — Pastors: Schulz (Cent. Ill.), Rengstorf (Kans.), Ottmann (Atl.), Molthan (N. Ill.). Dean Fritz. Teachers: Nuechterlein (Mich.), Klopp (Atl.). Lay Delegates: Borman (Engl.), Kloth (Minn.), Kaiser (S. Wis.), Aurin (West.), Toewe (Ont.), Hellmers (South.).

Committee 16: Support. 605. 606. 20. 23. 52, Full-time Secretary for Board of Support: English District. — Pastors: Bartling (N. Ill.), Nitz (Oreg.-Wash.), Fackler (Engl.), Koepke (Iowa), Lucht (Man.-Sask.).

President Kreinheder. Teachers: Dubberstein (Okla.), Borchardt (Ont.). Lay Delegates: Pliefke (Minn.), Demzien (Cent.), Engelmann (Tex.), Wehking (West.), Steinhoff (Colo.), Arndt (N. Nebr.).

Committee 17: Intersynodical Matters. 401. 402. 41, Intersynodical Theses: Northeastern Conference of Iowa. 57, Intersynodical Relations: Mixed Conference of Indianapolis. — Professors: Dr. Pieper, Dr. Fuerbringer, Moenkemoeller. Pastors: Verwiebe (East.), Stephan (Iowa), Succop (Mich.), Steffen (S. Dak.). Teachers: Stelzer (S. Wis.), Plehn (Cent.). Lay Delegates: Engel (Oreg.-Wash.), Schlechte (N. Dak.-Mont.), Rosenwinkel (N. Ill.).

Committee 18: Applications for Membership. — Pastors: Lueker (Minn.), Treskow (N. Nebr.). Teachers: Faster (Cent.), Ahlschwede (West.). Lay Delegates: Theil (Cent.), Welke (Man.-Sask.).

Committee 19: Appeals. 58, Rittmann. 63, Lampe. — Pastors: W. Albrecht (S. Wis.), Paul Fretthold (East.). Teacher E. C. Mueller (S. Nebr.). Lay Delegates: Wm. Behrhorst, Chr. Greve.

Committee 19 a: Appeals. 49, Ohlde. 7, St. John's Congregation, LaPorte, Ind. 22, W. J. Pieper. 47, Fuhrmann. — Pastors: C. A. Waech (N. Ill.), P. Woy (Atl.). Teacher H. W. Behnke (Iowa). Lay Delegates: H. L. Holtorf, Alb. Leuthaeuser.

Committee 20: Excuses. — Pastors: Weinhold (Minn.), Engelbert (East.), Hafner (South.). Teachers: Warnke (S. Ill.), Grundmann (Kans.). Lay Delegates: Schmid (Cent.), Theiss (Tex.).

Committee 21: Press. — Rev. E. Eckhardt, Prof. W. G. Polack, Rev. E. L. Roschke (West.).

Committee 22: Miscellaneous. 127. 132. 141. 142. 514. 701. 702. 11. 21. 30, Correspondence School in River Forest: Teachers' Conference of Eastern Iowa. 37, Meals and Lodging: Central District Pastoral Conference of Northern Illinois. 46, Accreditation: Kansas District. 55, Report of Committee on Church Architecture. 61, Invitation to Chicago. — Pastors: Fischer (Cent.), J. C. Meyer (Minn.), Pautz (N. Wis.), Jacobsen (Cal.-Nev.), Kröencke (Engl.). President Brommer. Teachers: A. Albrecht (Cent. Ill.), Fickenscher (East.). Lay Delegates: Salvner (Mich.), Pfing (N. Ill.), Keller (S. Wis.), Dube (Tex.), Fayen (West.).

New Members Received into Synod.

I. Congregations (on recommendations of Committee 18): a. St. John's Ev. Luth. Congregation, Nelson, B. C., Can.; b. Messiah English Ev. Luth. Church, Plainfield, N. J.

II. Pastors and Teachers (on recommendation of the respective Presidents): —

Alberta and British Columbia District: Rev. Alfred W. Trinklein, Prince George, B. C., Can.

Atlantic District: Pastors Walther A. Reuning, Manchester, N. H.; E. R. Fehlau, Lewiston, Me.; Gilbert Otte, Bellaire, L. I., N. Y. — Teacher G. E. Rast, Meriden, Conn.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan District: Rev. L. J. Laufer, Morse, Sask., Can.; Candidates: Waldemar Roth, Calder, Sask., Can.; Otto Riedel, Regina, Sask., Can.; Clarence Siess, Nipawin, Sask., Can.

Minnesota District: Pastors: W. A. Brockopp, Sebeka, Minn.; J. Klausmeier, Eden Valley, Minn.; W. Krug, Duluth, Minn.; H. J. Malotky, McGrath, Minn.; R. G. Troeger, Ripley, Minn.; A. J. Weber, Bemidji, Minn. — Teacher R. J. Germeroth, Appleton, Minn.

Central District: Rev. Paul W. Schultz, Decatur, Ind. — Teacher Paul Seibel, Peru, Ind.

North Dakota and Montana District: Pastors H. A. Middendorf, Larson, N. Dak.; E. A. G. Spruth, New Rockford, N. Dak.; E. V. G. Holstein, Max, N. Dak.; George W. Gesell, Bridger, Mont.; Wm. J. F. Zabel, Oakes, N. Dak.; Candidates: Gerhard Hass, Binford, N. Dak.; Herbert Teske, Forbes, N. Dak.; H. A. Lange, McClusky, N. Dak.; Ludwig Reimler, Golden Valley, N. Dak.

Northern Illinois District: Pastors: J. G. Fernandez, Spanish missionary, Chicago, Ill.; Luther Pera, Persian missionary, Chicago, Ill. — Teachers: A. C. Wissmueller, Blue Island, Ill.; Ed Kurth, Lansing, Ill.; Harold Ahrens, River Grove, Ill.; Oscar Bruell, Chicago, Ill.

Northern Nebraska District: Rev. M. Matuschka.

South Dakota District: Rev. Herbert Stahnke, Armour, S. Dak.

Southern District: Pastors: Emil T. Schultz, Clinton, La.; Reuben W. Hahn, Albany, Ala.; August H. Klamt, New Orleans, La. — Teachers: M. J. Kaste, Birmingham, Ala.; E. A. Groth, New Orleans, La.

South Wisconsin District: Candidate Arthur Beversdorf (assistant in Emmaus Congregation), Milwaukee, Wis.

Texas District: Pastors: A. F. Beyer, Temple, Tex.; A. Froehlich, Goose Creek, Tex.; R. Jesse, Houston, Tex.; V. Kollmann, Amarillo, Tex.; R. Lange, San Marcos, Tex.; H. F. Peimann, Cisco, Tex.; H. Wiederaenders, Harlingen, Tex.; E. Shadler, San Antonio, Tex.; Sergio Cobian (from the U. L. C.), pastor of the Mexican mission in San Antonio, Tex. — Teachers: B. Jutzi, Houston, Tex.; G. Kolb, Port Arthur, Tex.; R. C. Winter, Port Arthur, Tex.; M. Wolter, San Antonio, Tex.

I. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

A. Resolutions Affecting Individual Institutions.

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

(Report of Local Board. Condensed. — German Report, p. 29.)

Concordia Seminary is about to enter upon a new epoch of its history, leaving the historic site where since June 11, 1850, it has found a home, where those men labored who were destined by God to preserve true Lutheranism in America, whence issued streams of living water into all the world. We thank God for all the mercies and all the truth shown to His servants in the past years. At the same time we pray with Moses: "If Thy presence go not with us, carry us not up hence." Acknowledging our own helplessness, but

trusting in the almighty grace of Him who is the Lord Protector of His Church, we look into the future with the calm assurance that He will bless and preserve our going out and our coming in from this time forth and even forevermore.

The enrolment was as follows:—

Year.	Enrolled.	Present.	Absent.	Supplies.	Postgraduates.
1923-24	366	313	53	36	7
1924-25	375	310	65	47	7
1925-26	384	316	68	62	2

The health of the students has been quite satisfactory; only one death occurred.

The Christian character of our institution has been maintained also during the past triennium. When necessary, discipline was exercised according to Christian principles and the Word of God.

A correspondence course was established under the supervision of Dr. P. E. Kretzmann. Beginning with an enrolment of 16 in July, 1924, the number grew to 42 in December, 1924, 93 in December, 1925, and 101 on March 1, 1926.

Besides the prescribed studies, elective courses have been offered to students of the Middle and Senior classes. The degree of Bachelor of Divinity is conferred on students who reach a certain grade in each branch and meet the other requirements for the degree.

Faculty Matters.

Our Faculty sustained heavy losses during the past years. In 1923 Dr. G. Mezger was sent to Zehlendorf, Germany. He is still in Europe. In September, 1924, Dr. F. Bente was stricken with paralysis and to date has not been able to resume his work. The lectures given by him were taken over by various members of the Faculty. October 9, 1924, Dr. E. A. W. Krauss was summoned to his eternal rest. In the spring of 1926 Dr. W. H. T. Dau accepted the call of the Lutheran University Association to the presidency of Valparaiso University.

Replacements.—Dr. P. E. Kretzmann was called to the chair established by Synod in 1923 and inducted into office in January, 1924. With the consent of the Board of Directors the Board, after consulting with the Faculty, engaged a candidate as assistant librarian and granted the necessary funds, enabling professors to engage students from the Senior Class to aid in secretarial work. With the consent of the Board of Directors and also of the College of Presidents, to whose attention the situation had been presented at their annual convention in May, 1924, it was resolved to call another professor. The call was extended to the Rev. W. G. Polack, of Evansville, Ind., who was inducted into office May 20, 1925. On the same day Rev. O. C. A. Boecler was installed as the successor of the sainted Dr. Krauss.

Requests.

In view of these facts we respectfully petition Synod to regard the action of the College of Presidents with regard to the new professorship as the establishment of a new chair and therefore to permit the Board to call another professor if Synod should decide that the present temporary arrangement with Zehlendorf is to be made permanent. We repeat our request of 1923 for a librarian as an additional member of our Faculty. We petition Synod to establish a minimum salary of \$225 a month for the professors at Concordia Seminary and to empower the Board of Control, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, to add to this minimum as necessity arises.

New Appropriations Requested.

Since our dormitories are built to accommodate 400 students and since this number will be greatly exceeded before Synod again convenes, we ask for permission to erect two dormitories at \$165,000 in accordance with the plans adopted as soon as necessity may arise.

In order to provide for better physical development of our students, we petition Synod to erect a gymnasium at the Seminary, to engage a physical director, and to make physical training obligatory for all students.

Since we need more help in the new buildings, we ask Synod to permit this Board, in conjunction with the Board of Directors, to engage such help as will be needed.

Two memorials from the Board of Control and the Faculty petitioned Synod to authorize \$10,000 for the library and for the establishment of a Pedagogical Department and training-school in connection with the Seminary or preferably with the Senior College.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. That in view of the financial situation obtaining in Synod and of the large appropriation made at the previous convention the request for a new dormitory be declined.

2. That the petition for a gymnasium be declined.

3. That on motion of Mr. Theodore A. Hoemann, of Leslie, Mo., seconded by Rev. A. A. Schorman, of Staplehurst, Nebr., the following resolution empowering the Board of Directors to sell the old Seminary be adopted:—

"WHEREAS, Under action of this and previous conventions the property known as Concordia Theological Seminary, located in St. Louis, Missouri, is no longer required for the use of Synod; now, therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Board of Directors, officers, and trustees of Synod be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to sell all or

any part of said property, at such price and on such terms, at such time or times, as the said Board of Directors may determine for the best interests of Synod; and be it further

"Resolved, That the said Board of Directors, officers, and trustees be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to sign all deeds or other instruments in writing, and do all things necessary to carry this resolution into effect."

4. That in grateful recognition of the commendable Christian cooperation between the Seminary (its Faculty and student-body), on the one hand, and the Congregation of Holy Cross and the staff and the body of workers of Concordia Publishing House, on the other, Synod requests its Board of Directors, prior to the disposition of the property of the old Seminary and the professors' residences, to consult with these interested parties.

5. To approve the excess expenditure* of \$4,852 made by the Board of Directors at St. Louis.

6. That the Board of Control and the Faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., be authorized to establish a Pedagogical Department and Training-school and to call one man for that purpose.

7. To approve the establishment of a new chair.

8. To grant the petition of a librarian as an additional member of the Faculty.

9. To appropriate the requested sum of \$10,000 for the library.

Vote of Thanks for Prof. W. H. T. Dau, D. D.

The Board of Control called attention to the loss our St. Louis Seminary suffered because Dr. Dau had accepted the call as President of Valparaiso University, the first Lutheran University of America.

On recommendation of Committee 1, Synod passed the following resolutions:—

"1. Synod expresses to Dr. Dau its sincere thanks for the faithful and valuable services which for many years he rendered our Church as professor of our theological seminary, as editor-in-chief of the *Theological Monthly*, and as contributor to our other synodical publications.

"2. Synod wishes Dr. Dau God's richest blessings in the arduous duties of his new position."

* Excess expenditures were made by the Board of Directors at almost every institution owing to the fact that the appropriations for buildings made at Fort Wayne never carried an appropriation for equipment. If these excess expenditures had not been allowed, practically all new buildings would have stood idle for lack of equipment.

Report of the Building Committee of Concordia Seminary to Delegate Synod, St. Louis, June 9—18, 1926.

The Building Committee of Concordia Seminary is able to report with fervent thanks to the Lord of the Church that the new plant of our St. Louis Seminary will be ready for occupancy by students and professors at the opening of the new scholastic year. All honor and glory for this successful completion of the largest building operation in the history of the Lutheran Church is due to God alone. With His gracious help we have surmounted all difficulties, He has preserved us from outward interference by the elements and by man, and has protected those who labored on the plant, so that not a single case of fatal injury has occurred. These buildings stand as a monument of faith in divine help and of the gratitude of a great Church for the blessings which it has received from a Christian, an orthodox Lutheran, ministry.

It is not out of place, I believe, at this time to express the Committee's heartfelt thanks for certain services which have been rendered by others, services indispensable for the successful execution of the synodical resolution of 1923, which directed that Plan A be executed at a cost of \$2,500,000. We refer, above all, to the services of the Ways and Means Committee, which in 1923—24 directed the collection of the amounts necessary for the triennium's Building Program. The efficient, yet evangelical, manner in which this committee performed its task resulted in the great outpouring of gifts, which has enabled Synod's officers to carry out the program adopted at Fort Wayne.

Again, the Committee desires to express its thanks to the many hundreds of members of Synod, laymen as well as pastors, who have aided us with counsel and suggestions. Their names are too many to mention here, but we beg leave to assure them that their interest and thoughtful advice has been of great, yes, of material help in many details of the Committee's work.

Nor shall we refrain from giving utterance here to our appreciation of the work of our architects and contractors. It is true that these men have been paid for their work. But the cooperation which we have received both from Mr. Klauder's office and from our builders and equipment firms has been so notable, and in so many ways has it gone beyond that which could be demanded under the contracts, that also in this connection we can truly speak of a debt of gratitude. They, no less than the committee, were aware of the limitation which Synod had placed upon our expenditures, and they have been unstinting in their efforts to give us a plant of college buildings which cannot be duplicated anywhere for practical usefulness, permanence, and low maintenance cost, combined with a design

that reflects the grandeur and glory of the work of training men for the work of the Gospel.

It is due to the aid which we have received from all these sources mentioned that we are able to turn over to Synod the new Concordia Seminary.

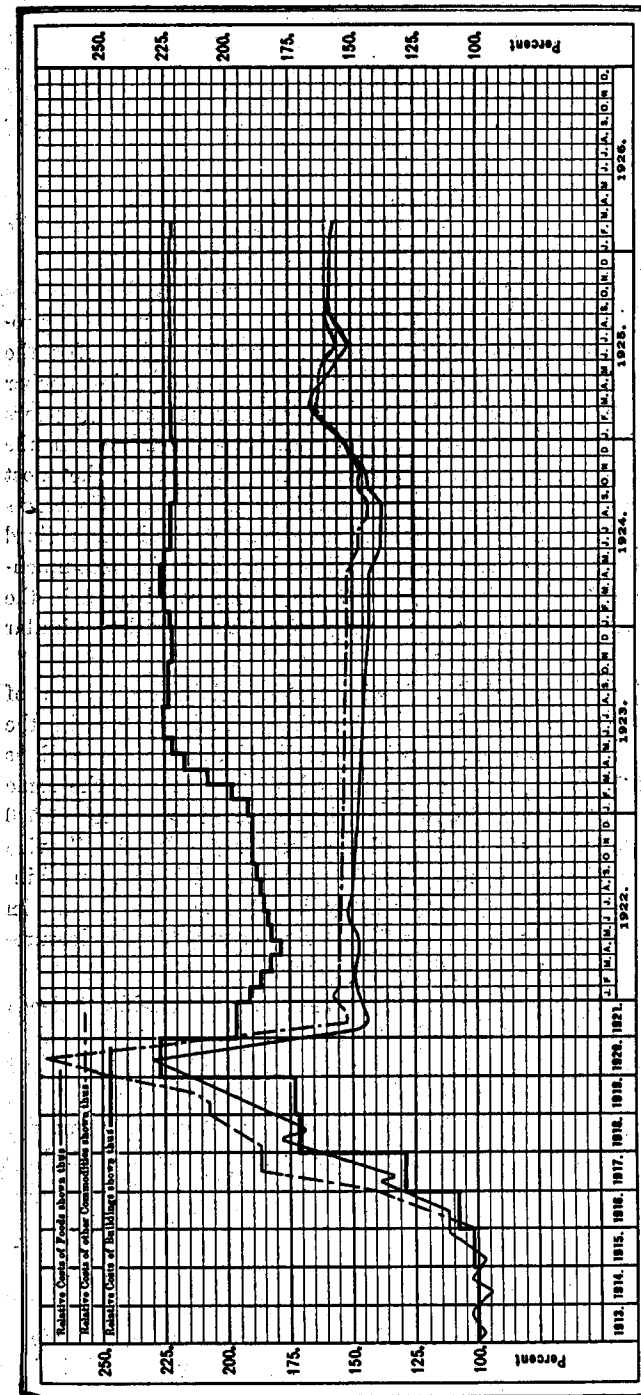
The Committee's first task, after the meeting of 1923, was so to reduce the estimate then reported—\$2,650,000—as to bring it under the synodical appropriation. The necessary eliminations were finally made without in any degree detracting from excellence of material and workmanship.

The next step was so to modify the plans as to increase the height of certain dormitories on the western half of the group. We believe that the effect thus gained is a very happy one. Also this was done pursuant to oral promises given on the floor of Synod in 1923.

The question of materials next engrossed our attention. By laborious steps, too many and too technical to record in this brief survey, the proportion of stone now composing our walls and the style of tuck-pointing adopted were arrived at. (The stone used in the rubble masonry walls is all of unusual hardness, yet it entailed little or no dressing due to the cross-bedded character which marks the various quarries from which it originates.) This was in the fall of 1923. Next the nature of the soil was ascertained by test-boring and the final plans for grading and excavation prepared. The first shovelful of earth was turned by President Pfotenhauer January 18, 1924, and the corner-stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies October 26, 1924.

The Seminary buildings were built during a season of high prices both for material and labor. Indeed, the graphs of a local statistician show that throughout building operations the cost of both was at war levels. This fact often taxed the ingenuity of the practical builders and contractors associated with our Committee, whose advice was truly invaluable in many critical situations. It was often a question of saving money at the cost of permanency, or of finding some way to retain permanency in spite of some reduction in cost. We believe that, from the footings upward no changes have been made which will ever impair the lasting qualities of the buildings.

The buildings are fire-proof. They are protected from the elements, from water, frost, storm, from decay and corrosion, in every manner known to the building trade. There is no exposed woodwork anywhere except the doors. The locks, sashes, and other exposed metal are all of such a nature as to withstand the hardest wear. Plastering and mill-work are of the highest type, the slate and copper, the plumbing and the heating apparatus, the refrigera-



Cost of Building Materials and Labor in St. Louis, 1913-1926.

As compared with cost of food and other commodities.

(Courtesy of Fruin-Colhon Contracting Co.)

tion, ventilation, and the equipment of all rooms, whether in dormitories or in the academic buildings, have been purchased and installed with the sole object in view of keeping down the cost of maintenance and replacement.

Twelve residences are provided for the professors. These are being built under plans developed by the architect and the Committee.

In order that all this work might be done according to the extremely strict specifications of our architect, the Committee provided an elaborate system of checks and counter-checks. For the protection of our interests we did not only have a capable member of the firm of Day & Klauder on the job throughout the years 1924—26, but the Committee had its own superintendent on the grounds. Thus all material and labor were checked in the most rigid manner that experience and ingenuity can devise. Contracts were entered into only after a special committee had scrutinized them in detail. No extras were ever allowed without the recommendation of a special committee, and then they were voted upon in the entire committee. Payments of money were made with a similar system of checks and safeguards.

The buildings are equipped with a very elaborate system of steam- and water-pipes and electric wiring, which centers in the power-house. The power-plant will heat the buildings, as well as those needed later, up to an enrolment of 800 and will at the same time provide electricity and power. It is connected by tunnels, 1,500 feet long and 6 feet high, with all the buildings. In the Service Building a complete set of ranges, refrigerators, and kitchen machinery has been installed. The Seminary has its own ice-plant. In the Lecture Hall basement a ventilator renews the air for lecture-rooms, the Assembly Hall, and the Library.

The reason for enumerating these items (very roughly, indeed) is to emphasize the fact that the Committee, throughout the triennium, has had in mind to build a college not only beautiful and stately in style, but above all practical in its appointments and entailing a minimum of up-keep. Its object was to carry out not only the letter, but the spirit of the resolutions of 1923, and these resolutions, after long discussion on the floor, and after close examination of blue-prints and architect's drawings by the delegates, approved a plan which would cost more than the alternate Plan B submitted, simply because it represented a more becoming style of architecture. It was the task of the Committee to meet the wish thus recorded and not to make plainness and bare utility its ideal. To carry out, also in equipment and fixtures, the type of building

adopted, yet to do this with minimum maintenance cost and under the appropriation, was the task which the Committee resolutely set itself to perform.

One building listed in the appropriation of 1923 was not erected. The building of a hospital was postponed, due to the fact that we found the maintenance cost very high, and we were not convinced that our students would be benefited in proportion to this expensive up-keep.

The Tower and the monumental Entrance were not included in the appropriation. The plans called for a temporary arcade, tying up the three buildings which are joined at this point. We received sufficient extra gifts, however, to build the lower stage of the Tower and the Main Entrance; cost, \$135,000. These accounts were investigated by a committee of the Board of Directors and proper authorization made. The remainder of the Tower may be built when sufficient private donations have been received for this purpose.

There is at this writing (May 25), after deduction of sums still due on contracts and estimated expense, an apparent balance of \$43,494.32.

There was available, in appropriations and special gifts, \$2,635,000. Our contracts to date call for \$2,211,974.69. There is still due, on contractors' accounts and on various items estimated, the sum of \$394,348.70. The total cost, including Main Entrance and Reception-room, accordingly is \$2,606,333.39. This leaves a balance of \$27,776.61. By various balances and credits this sum is increased to \$43,494.32. The sum of \$4,375 is in suspense as probable refunds to contractors, leaving a net balance on the building operations for 1924—1926 of \$39,119.32.

The expenditures of the triennium included two items which properly do not belong under Building Fund expense. The topographical survey of the grounds cost \$5,530, and the alternate plan submitted in Fort Wayne at the request of the Board of Directors cost \$5,754.31. This amount of more than \$11,000 should properly appear in the unexpended balance, but was expended from the Building Fund rather than burden a treasury less able to bear it. The reductions made after the Fort Wayne convention not only brought our contracts in general below the estimated amounts, but left room for a number of very desirable changes and additional improvements. Thus, for the landscaping necessary upon a raw piece of ground, such as our tract was in 1923, the sum of \$6,000 was made available. For the installation of an auxiliary boiler, by which we are secure against certain emergencies in our heating-operations and by which we shall save considerable amounts in fuel during the fall

and spring months, we expended \$7,157.42. This boiler was not provided for in the original plans. All-concrete roads were substituted for gravel roads at an additional cost of about \$15,000. The door-sills leading to the outside were changed from sandstone to granite at an extra cost of nearly \$3,000, the committee thinking this expense justifiable on account of the wear-resisting qualities of granite. Brass pipes were substituted at certain points at an extra cost of about \$3,650, likewise in the interest of cheaper maintenance. It has been found necessary under the changed conditions to furnish not only beds, but also mattresses for the students, at a cost of \$2,856.

It is upon such items connected with the maintenance, up-keep, and operation of the institution at a minimum future cost to Synod and at a maximum of practical usefulness that the best thought of the Building Committee has been expended during the past three years. In order that these tasks may be more acceptably fulfilled, a number of subcommittees were created which attended to departmental details. One committee examined plans and specifications, another committee conducted all the negotiations with our architect. Another committee opened and tabulated bids of contractors. There was a committee on equipment, which bought all the furniture; one on quarries, which investigated the stone situation; one on inscriptions and ornamental stone and glass; one on accounting, which kept the committee informed regarding our debits and credits in all accounts. A difficult task was that of the residence committee, which manfully strove to provide adequate dwellings at a reasonable cost. Our representative in the Field Office had an advisory committee, which passed upon countless details of construction and materials and which, together with our Superintendent, did the greater part of the work during the Committee's existence.

In conclusion it should be said that all resolutions governing the expenditure of funds were unanimous and that a brotherly spirit prevailed in all the meetings of the Building Committee. For this no less than for the completion of the group — which has been called by Dr. Luther D. Reed of the United Lutheran Church "unquestionably the largest and finest theological seminary in America" — our hearts are filled with devout gratitude to God. Though our work be extremely imperfect, and such indeed it is, whatever success has crowned the labors of your Committee is due to that harmony of spirit with which the Lord of the Church, in answer to our constant prayers, has blessed our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted,

TH. GRAEBNER, *Secretary.*

CONTRACTORS.

For Buildings, Excluding Professors' Residences.

Rough excavation and preliminary grading... Fruin-Colnon Co., St. Louis.
General Contract Kellermann Contracting Co., St. Louis.
Heating and ventilating Urbauer-Atwood Heating Co., St. Louis.
Electrical work Guarantee Electrical Co., St. Louis.
Plumbing Doerner Plumbing Co., St. Louis.

SUBCONTRACTORS UNDER GENERAL CONTRACT.

Cement Missouri Portland, tested by Modjeski & Angier, St. Louis.
Plain and reinforced concrete Kellermann Contracting Co., St. Louis.
Reinforced steel Reinforced Concrete Co., St. Louis.
Masonry and cut stone St. Louis Contracting Co., St. Louis.
Brickwork, terra cotta partitions, and furring A. Viermann, St. Louis.
Mill-work Gravois Planing Mill, St. Louis.
Carpentry Kellermann Contracting Co., St. Louis.
Steel casement sash Crittal Casement Co., Detroit, Mich.
Factory sash Truscon Steel Co., Detroit, Mich.
Glazing and leaded glass work Condie-Bray Co., St. Louis.
Plastering and metal lath H. Niehaus, St. Louis.
Cement floors Wright Bros., St. Louis.
Waterproofing, asphalt, composition roofs.. Trinidad Roofing Co., St. Louis.
Copper roof work, downspouts, skylights.. Hopmann Cornice Co., St. Louis.
Misc. metal work Ornamental Wire & Iron Co., St. Louis.
Painting Beal & McNamara Ptg. Co., St. Louis.
Structural steel St. Louis Structural Steel Co., St. Louis.
Slate-roofing Geo. A. Riddle & Co., St. Louis.
Terrazzo Giudicy Marble & Tile Co., St. Louis.
Tile-work T. J. McGarry Co., St. Louis.
Interior marble St. Louis Marble & Tile Co., St. Louis.
Hardware Geller, Ward & Hasner, St. Louis.
Book-stacks system Snead & Co., Jersey City, N. J.
Kitchen equipment Joesting & Schilling, St. Paul.
Cold-storage rooms Armstrong Cork & Insulation Co., St. Louis.
Portable refrigerators Harry L. Hussman Refrigerator Co., St. Louis.
Refrigeration machinery American Carbonic Machinery Co., St. Louis.
Water-tube boilers, Power-house O'Brien Boiler Works, St. Louis.
Engines Skinner Engine Co., Erie, Pa.
Stokers American Engineering Co., Philadelphia.

OTHER CONTRACTORS.

Surveying Pitzman, St. Louis.
Kitchen and bakery machinery... Century Baking Machine Co., Cincinnati.
Organ Wangerin Organ Co., Milwaukee.
Electric light fixtures Edw. F. Guth Co., St. Louis.
Main switchboard Wm. Wurdach Electric Mfg. Co., St. Louis.
Boilers Erie City Iron Works, Erie, Pa.
Dormitory equipment Lammert's, St. Louis.
Library tables Library Bureau.
Library chairs Heywood-Wakefield Co., St. Louis.
Dining-room furniture Adams Stamp and Stationery Co., St. Louis.

Rugs	Trorlicht-Duncker, St. Louis.
Opera chairs and desks	National School Equipment Co., Port Washington, Wis.
Linoleum	Kennard's, St. Louis.
Lightning-rods	Carl Bajohr Lightning Conductor Co., St. Louis.
Bronze tablets	Flour City Ornamental Iron Co., Minneapolis.
Stained glass	The D'Ascenzo Studios, Philadelphia.

Professors' Dwellings.

Excavation and grading	J. E. Luick Excavating Co., St. Louis.
Stone masonry, foundation walls	Herchert-Herklotz Co., St. Louis.
General Contractor	Kellermann Contracting Co., St. Louis.

Action.

Synod accepted the report of the Building Committee of Concordia Seminary and tendered a vote of thanks to the Building Committee, the Board of Directors, and to all others who had rendered any services, for efficient, self-sacrificing, and willing services in connection with the new Seminary.

In a brief address the architect, Mr. Klauder, of Philadelphia, expressed his gratification over the harmonious and businesslike work of the committees in the execution of his plans. The chairman thereupon expressed Synod's thanks to Mr. Klauder for his faithful and efficient services.

Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

(Report of the Board. Condensed. — German Report, p. 34.)

The local board reported with thanks to God that the past three years, under the blessing of God, had been years of peaceful progress. The following changes occurred in the faculty: April 14, 1924, Prof. Fr. Streckfuss was called to his Master's joy. Rev. W. Behrens, of Chester, Ill., was called as his successor. When Professor Hoffmann accepted the call to St. Luke's Congregation, Chicago, Ill., Rev. F. Mayer, of Kewanee, Ill., was called and entered upon his duties in January, 1926. The new chair established in 1923 was filled by calling Rev. F. Wenger, of Frohna, Mo. In the course of these three years, Candidates A. Doege, O. P. Kretzmann, W. Buszin, Student of Theology George Klein, and Rev. E. Wegehaupt acted as assistants.

The enrolment was as follows:—

1923-24: Students from the Missouri Synod	195
Students from other synods	19
	— 214
1924-25: Students from the Missouri Synod	238
Students from other synods	20
	— 258
1925-26: Students from the Missouri Synod	235
Students from other synods	28
	— 263

Approximately 45 students did supply-work each year.

The alumni of the institution purchased a block of land at \$10,000 and presented it to the Seminary. As the old heating-plant was completely worn out, only \$500 of the \$2,500 appropriated for repairs in 1923 was used to make the most necessary repairs. Two professors' residences are under construction. A new plot plan, approved by the Board of Directors, according to which the entire institution can be rebuilt in the course of time was drawn up. This plan in no wise necessitates the removal of all the old buildings.

Needs and Requests.

1. We ask permission to sell the professor's residence located on Tenth St.
2. We need the following buildings: a. A new heating-plant, costing about \$48,000; b. an administration building, costing about \$179,000; c. a dormitory to accommodate 100 students, costing about \$95,000.
3. We require laboratory equipment which will cost about \$500.
4. We petition Synod to establish two new chairs.
5. In case the aforementioned buildings are granted, we shall need \$36,150 for changing our present administration building into a dormitory, for laying sidewalks and constructing roads, and for architects' fees.

Memorials Pertaining to Springfield.

A memorial from the Lincoln County, Wis., Special Conference advocated that the Practical Seminary be moved from Springfield to St. Louis and combined with the St. Louis Seminary at the new location, the Proseminary, for the time being, to remain at Springfield. An elaborate memorial of the Board of Control of Springfield presented the arguments against such removal. Memorials from the Southern Illinois and the Central Illinois Districts recommended that Synod provide better buildings at Springfield. A memorial from the Southern Illinois District Pastoral Conference advocated the recall of the rule limiting the enrolment at Springfield to 175 students.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. That, as far as may be foreseen, it will not be possible to dispense with pastors having a practical education.
2. That the Practical Seminary remain in Springfield, since removal to St. Louis would profit neither seminary.
3. To approve the excess expenditures made by the Board of Directors for pavement of the street fronting the property and to include the amount in the budget.
4. To authorize the sale of the professor's residence on Tenth St. and to empower the proper authorities to negotiate such transaction.

5. To approve the following excess expenditures: Lockers, \$67.40; additional ground, \$4,430.69; two residences (under construction), \$26,000; equipment and improvements, \$2,965.99. *Total*, \$33,492.40.

6. To appropriate \$179,000 for an administration building.

7. To appropriate \$95,000 for a dormitory.

8. To appropriate up to \$48,000 for a heating-plant.

9. To appropriate \$500 for the laboratory.

10. To rescind the rule made in 1896 limiting the enrolment at Springfield to 175.

11. To refer to the Board of Directors the question of remodeling Building No. 1.

Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Ill.

(Report of the Board. Condensed. — German Report, p. 37.)

In the course of the past three years the enrolment has steadily grown, so that now it is twice as large as it was eight years ago. Enrolment: 1923—24, 341; 1924—25, 392; 1925—26, 410. Thirty-three students did supply-work in schools; hence only 36 were graduated. In 1927 we hope to graduate over fifty.

After being in use for thirteen years, we are glad to report that our property is still in good condition. The additions and new buildings authorized in 1923 were erected. Three men to fill the new professorships granted us have been called. December 23, 1923, Assistant Professor A. Beck, Rev. P. Bretscher, and Teacher A. C. Diesing were inducted into office. In view of the great increase in the enrolment and upon the advice of the College of Presidents, Rev. W. Rohlfing, of Townsend, Wis., was called as an additional professor. We ask Synod to approve the action taken. The erection of the gymnasium was begun in May, 1926. The necessary funds were collected from the congregations of the Northern Illinois and the Michigan Districts, as well as from individual congregations and friends of the institution.

Requests.

1. Since we were compelled to engage five assistants in the past year, we ask Synod to grant us three new professors. As six professors are occupied with teaching music, we have only eight professors for all the other class-work.

2. We request Synod to consider increasing the professors' salaries.

3. For our library we need a librarian and \$2,500 for books and equipment.

4. \$23,000 is needed for practise organs and pianos.

5. \$11,500 is necessary for interior equipment of the gymnasium, for sidewalks, and for grading the site.

6. We need professors' residences to save rent.

7. We furthermore request: \$2,500 for changes in the heating-plant; \$750 for building a carpenter-shop and club-rooms in the basement of the dormitories; \$960 for door-checks in the dormitories; \$620 for shield-plates on about 160 doors; \$1,370 for further equipment of the laboratories.

8. We suggest that Synod consider the employment of a night watchman.

The Proviso Teachers' Conference assembled at Maywood, Ill., addressed a memorial to Synod petitioning it to provide the necessary instructors and facilities for carrying on correspondence courses at River Forest.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve the following excess expenditures: a. \$14,506.86 for the administration building and the dormitory; b. \$5,511.57 for new residences; c. \$19,110.40 for equipment and repairs.

2. To appropriate: a. \$23,000 for practise organs and pianos; b. \$2,500 for necessary changes in the heating-plant; c. \$750 for installing rooms in the basements of the new dormitories; d. \$960 for the installation of door-checks to keep the doors from slamming and thereby ruining the plaster; e. \$620 for shield-plates for some 160 doors; f. \$1,370 for further equipment of the laboratories; g. \$2,500 for the purchase of adequate reference works for the library; h. \$5,000 for sidewalks and for grading the site; i. \$250 for the purchase of fire-extinguishers.

3. To table the recommendation that a correspondence course be established and an additional professor called at River Forest if at least twenty-five students apply for such work.

Teachers' Seminary, Seward, Nebr.

(Report of the Board of Control. Condensed. — German Report, p. 41.)

During the past three years the enrolment has constantly increased, as appears from the following figures: 1923—24, 191 (graduates, 14); 1924—25, 235 (graduates, 9); 1925—26, 301 (graduates, 9). The small number of graduates is accounted for by the fact that a large number of students of the two upper classes has been vicariating in schools and that the first of the large classes will graduate in 1928.

The following changes have taken place in the faculty: December 17, 1924, the first director of the institution, Prof. G. Weller, passed away to his eternal reward after having resigned a year previously. His successor, Rev. H. A. Koenig, was inducted into office September 5, 1923. On October, 1923, Director Jesse accepted a call into the ministry. His successor, President C. F. Brommer, was inducted into office February 10, 1924.

On the death of Mr. F. Christjaener, a member of our Board of Control, Mr. Benjamin Sundermann, of Seward, was elected his successor.

The building operations authorized in 1923 have been completed with the exception of the service building, which is under construction.

Requirements.

1. The large increase in our enrolment makes necessary two additional dormitories, one for the coming year, and another one will be needed in 1927.

2. We ask Synod to approve the calling of an additional professor, whom the College of Presidents encouraged us to call, and to grant us three additional professors.

3. We need \$8,500 for a large organ, \$6,000 for two practise organs, and \$2,000 for six new pianos.

4. To meet present requirements of the State of Nebraska, we need \$5,000 adequately to equip our laboratories.

5. Prof. Fehner's residence ought to be equipped with basement and furnace, which will cost about \$2,800.

6. A new practise school is an absolute necessity; cost, \$15,000.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve the excess expenditure of \$56,544.25.

2. In view of the excess appropriation needed and the financial situation obtaining in Synod, to grant Seward only one dormitory, costing \$125,000.

3. To appropriate \$16,500 for organs and pianos.

4. To appropriate \$28,000 for a heating-plant.

5. To appropriate \$15,000 for the erection of a practise school, since a practise school is absolutely necessary for the education of teachers and the present arrangement is utterly unsatisfactory.

6. To approve the request concerning Prof. Fehner's residence and to appropriate \$2,800 as desired.

7. To authorize the expenditure of up to \$5,000 for a laboratory.

Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.

(Report of the Board of Control. Condensed. — German Report, p. 46.)

The professorships authorized by the last Synod were filled by calling Revs. Ernst Lewerenz and H. D. Mensing. Each year the teaching force included four assistants. The Preparatory Class was closed, Prof. M. Kirsch accepted a call to the school in South Bend, Ind. Enrolment: 1923—24, 334; 1924—25, 332; 1925—26, 330.

Needs and Requests.

1. For repairing and rebuilding Hanser Hall, \$35,775.95.

2. Road and sidewalks along the new professors' residences, to cost \$6,887.

3. \$3,002.07 for repairs on the professors' residences, hospital, kitchen, and the old building; \$1,675 for pointing out the walls of the old building.

4. \$1,000 for fire-extinguishers and panic bars.

5. \$6,089 for grading the campus.

6. A second janitor, since the number of buildings has increased.

7. Three additional professors.

A memorial from the Southern Conference of the Northern Illinois District requested Synod to abolish military training at Fort Wayne, alleging—

1. That the entire education is carried on in a legal rather than in an evangelical spirit and that therefore discipline and order are maintained by military force rather than by God's Word;

2. That such education brings up a generation of pastors who have imbibed a dictatorial spirit and who might later on, in administering their office, permit the same spirit to prevail;

3. That no distinction is made between offences against the Moral Law and against military order and that for that reason the deportment grade throws a wrong light on a pupil;

4. That experience shows that order and discipline prevail at other institutions without such training.

The Central District presented a memorial asking Synod to appropriate an adequate sum for a ground-keeper at Fort Wayne.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve the following excess expenditures (totaling \$59,461.56): a. For Sihler Hall, \$797.25; b. professors' residences, \$44,543.92; c. equipment and improvements, \$14,120.39.

2. To appropriate: a. \$6,887 for road and sidewalks; b. \$3,002.07 for necessary repairs on professors' residences; c. \$1,675 for pointing out the walls of the old building; d. \$1,000 for fire-extinguishers and panic bars; e. \$6,089.94 for grading the campus; f. \$13,683.50 for repairing Hanser Hall; g. \$1,000 for repairs on the director's residence; h. \$2,591.46 for repairs on the other professors' residences.

3. Again to include in the budget \$1,000 for Sihler Hall, which was appropriated three years ago.

4. To adopt the following report of Committee 1 regarding military training:—

"A very similar memorial was presented to Synod three years ago. We recommend that the same recommendation be again presented to Synod and the memorial be declined. The former recom-

mendation reads: 'This arrangement has nothing to do with mental or spiritual matters, but only with physical exercises. Hence it does not infringe on the domain of Christian education; the exercises, however, promote health. The commanding officer has absolutely nothing to do with the discipline in the institution. We recommend that Synod decline the petition to abolish this arrangement.'

Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Report of Board. Abridged. — German Report, p. 49.)

Enrolment showed a steady increase: 1923—24, 238; 1924—25, 269; 1925—26, 297. The professorships authorized in 1923 were filled by calling Professors Paul Koehneke and Paul Zanow. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Bergmann was filled by calling Prof. Aug. C. Rehwald, Jr. The teaching force at present includes four assistants. The new dormitory was dedicated April, 1925. The new service was opened for use in the beginning of this year.

Requests.

1. Four additional professors to provide for the increased enrolment.
2. Renovation of the first dormitory, costing \$24,015.
3. A new dormitory, costing \$156,880.
4. A gymnasium, costing \$66,539.
5. An addition to the administration building, costing \$38,800.
6. Alteration in the heating-plant to make it truly a central heating-plant, costing \$2,581.
7. Roads and sidewalks, costing \$2,572.
8. Rebuilding the old director's residence into a duplex flat, costing \$7,811.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve the following excess expenditures: a. For the service building, \$12,789.57; b. for professors' residences, \$15,000; c. for equipment and improvements, \$3,272.23.
2. To decline the request for a new dormitory and a gymnasium.
3. To appropriate: a. \$2,572 for roads and sidewalks; b. \$2,581 for alteration in the heating-plant and \$6,000 for an additional boiler; c. \$8,146 for rebuilding the old director's residence; d. \$24,015 for renovating the Dormitory No. 1; e. \$2,276.98 to complete the equipment of the service building; f. \$425 for fire-hose; g. \$10,000 for renovating the southwest dormitory; h. up to \$5,000 for grading the sites of the two new dormitories; i. \$500 for a bell system; j. \$2,500 for a central hot water supply; k. \$675 for renovating the laboratory.

Items e—k, totaling \$20,951.08, were appropriated "subject to the consent of the Board of Directors."

Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.

(Report of the Board of Control. Condensed. — German Report, p. 53.)

The institution looks back on a successful triennium. Enrolment:—

	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.
Sophomore College	26	13	20
Freshman College	12	23	48
Senior High	34	41	30
Junior High	48	33	46
Sophomore High	41	46	48
Freshman High	58	45	74
	221	211	266

The large enrolment made it necessary to augment the teaching force by three assistants. The dormitory granted in 1923 was erected at a cost of \$138,449. The appropriation for the service building was not drawn since reexamination showed it to be unwise to spend such an amount on a frame building fifty-two years old.

Requests.

1. Three new professors.
2. A new service building, costing \$145,000, and permission to begin building it immediately.
3. \$3,000 for our laboratory, being the undrawn balance of a former \$5,000 appropriation.

Overtures Referring to St. Paul.

An overture from the Minnesota District requested the erection of a new service building. An unprinted overture (No. 14) asked that a preparatory class of Septima be established.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve the following excess expenditures: a. \$10,388.96 for the dormitory; b. \$4,623.67 for the dining-room.
2. To appropriate: a. \$145,000 for a service building; b. \$3,000 for the laboratory.
3. To refer the request of Rev. H. C. E. Mueller for a preparatory class to the Board of Control and the faculty.

St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo.

(Report of the Local Board. Condensed. — German Report, p. 55.)

A number of changes occurred in the faculty. In September, 1924, Prof. A. Baeppler, D. D., retired; February 3, 1925, Director J. H. C. Kaeppler, D. D., was called to his eternal reward. The directorate was filled by the election of Prof. Ottomar Krueger. Two additional professors were then called: Rev. Emil C. Weiss, of Jackson, Mo., who was installed September 6, 1925, and Rev. Ludwig W.

Spitz, who was installed November 8, 1925. The new dormitory (Biltz Hall) and the Kaepfel Memorial (auditorium-gymnasium) were completed. The latter was erected with the bonus of \$10,000 collected in the neighboring congregations and in congregations of the Western District. Enrolment: 1923—24, 117; 1924—25, 128; 1925—26, 147. Four assistants were employed during the past three years.

Requests.

1. A new administration building, costing \$197,982.
2. Permission to sell three professors' residences and to erect three new residences at a cost of \$30,000.
3. Sidewalks costing \$865.
4. \$1,000 to prevent erosion on the athletic field.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve the following excess expenditures: a. \$9,197.42 for the dormitory; b. \$775.66 for the director's residence; c. \$10,000 for residences; d. \$11,242.63 for equipment and improvements.
2. To accept with thanks the donation of the Western District for the gymnasium.
3. To decline the request for a new administration building.
4. To appropriate: a. \$865 for sidewalks; b. \$1,000 for the athletic field; c. \$1,000 for repairs on the old administration building; d. \$1,500 for repairs on two professors' residences.

Concordia Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.

(Report of the Board. Condensed. — German Report, p. 58.)

Due to the overcrowded conditions the Board of Control felt compelled to restrict the number of students. This fact accounts for the decrease in the enrolment. The new dormitory being available, it is expected that the number of students will steadily grow. The new professorship for history and English created at the last convention was filled by calling Prof. E. H. Engelbrecht. Upon his resignation, after serving a year and a half, Rev. R. Hope was called. Two changes have occurred in the Board of Control: Mr. Wm. Wieda entered his heavenly rest, while Rev. Wm. Koepchen was forced to resign owing to ill health. Their places were filled by Mr. Fred Overbeck and Rev. Arthur Brunn. A residence was built for President Romoser at a cost of \$20,200. Of this sum \$2,200 was privately raised. The new dormitory was erected for \$125,000. Corridors between the two dormitories and the administration building cost \$8,307 additional. An athletic field was purchased at a cost of \$16,500. The expenses connected with the purchase amounted to \$282. The Board of Directors voted \$8,000 additional for the necessary grading. This sum was not sufficient to put the ground into shape. Additional expenses are carried locally.

The faculty consists of nine regular professors, three assistants supplied by Synod, and two instructors giving courses in modern languages, public speaking, and physical education, who are supported by the Lutheran Education Society.

Requests.

1. An educational building to house science classrooms, the library and stack-room, and an auditorium.
2. Two professors' residences.
3. One additional professor.
4. Increase of library allowances for all institutions.
5. A gymnasium.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve the following excess appropriations: a. \$33,960.90 for the dormitory; b. \$18,162 for the director's residence; c. \$24,782 for the purchase and grading of the athletic field; d. \$3,607.29 for equipment and repairs.
2. To refuse the request of \$185,000 for an educational building.
3. To decline the request for a gymnasium.
4. To appropriate: a. \$26,010 for two residences, \$500 for walks, \$2,500 for the necessary sewers; b. \$1,840 for sidewalks; c. \$7,875 for repairing the walls in the dormitory.

St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.

(Report of the Local Board. Condensed. — German Report, p. 62.)

During the past three years the faculty was increased by two men: Prof. G. C. Schroedel, inducted into office January 13, 1924, and Prof. A. C. Gieseler, inducted September 14, 1923. The teaching force numbers nine professors and four assistants. Rev. E. W. Luecke, of Winfield, also teaches ten hours a week. To the above must be added the teachers of the Commercial Department, three music teachers, and one teacher of expression, none of whom, however, are salaried by Synod. The enrolment for 1925—26 was 232 (33 girls), distributed as follows: Classical Course, 196; Normal Course, 20; Business Course, 36. Mr. D. Meyer having resigned from the local board, Mr. W. D. Weinrich, of Winfield, was elected in his place.

Three professors' residences, a central heating-plant, and an administration building with auditorium were erected since the last convention. Plans for the hospital, to cost up to \$20,000, are in preparation. A donation of \$1,000 for a girls' dormitory was received.

In June, 1922, the three lower classes were accredited with the State Board of Education as St. John's Academy. In the fall of 1924 the State Board of Education decided that the law providing that only those high schools could be accredited whose teachers possessed High School Teachers' Certificates applied also to private schools.

As such a certificate required eighteen semester hours at a university in educational subjects, most of the professors found themselves unable to obtain their certificates. Consequently the accreditation was withdrawn. As most of the professors have since then taken the necessary courses in summer, correspondence, and extension courses, it is expected that the high school classes will again be accredited in the fall.

Requests.

1. \$2,183 for laboratory equipment.
2. \$1,000 for maps, charts, and teaching helps.
3. An increase of from \$50 to \$500 for natural science laboratory.
4. \$10,000 to complete the rebuilding of Baden Hall.
5. \$30,000 for three professors' residences.
6. \$3,875 to liquidate the debt on property we were compelled to purchase in 1922. The Kansas District hoped to pay this sum, but finds itself unable to do so owing to its heavy mission program.
7. \$800 to liquidate a debt incurred some years ago for reference works in the library.
8. \$5,000 for library equipment.
9. To increase the library allowances from \$200 to \$500 or \$1,000.
10. That Synod order illumination of administration buildings paid from Synodical Treasury.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve following excess expenditures: a. \$24,089.31 for the administration building; b. \$3,025 for Baden Hall; c. \$15,215.47 for a heating-plant; d. \$10,301.64 for equipment and improvements.
2. To appropriate: a. \$2,183 for the laboratory; b. \$1,000 for teaching helps; c. \$10,000 to complete the rebuilding of Baden Hall; d. \$800 for the library; e. to include in the new budget the \$20,000 appropriated for a hospital in 1923; f. to ask the Kansas District to make another effort to pay the debt of \$3,875.84 resting on the East part of the campus; g. to grant \$5,000 for the library.

Concordia College, Conover, N. C.

(Report of the Local Board. Condensed. — German Report, p. 67.)

Enrolment for the past years has been as follows: 1923—24, 71; 1924—25, 57; 1925—26, 69. Eighteen students have the ministry in view. Tuition to the amount of \$3,461.95 has been turned over to the Treasurer of Synod. In February, 1925, after a visit to the institution by the President of Synod, the Board of Directors resolved that nothing further be done to endanger the future existence of our college. In conformity with this resolution the Board of Directors granted \$800 to connect our college buildings with the water and sewerage system of Conover and \$5,500 to build an urgently needed professor's residence.

Requests.

1. An administration building, to cost \$95,000.
2. A small dormitory unit, to cost \$25,000.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. That, since students cannot be attracted by the present primitive conditions at Conover, we grant the request for an administration building up to \$95,000.
2. That in view of the present financial conditions existing in Synod we delay the erection of a dormitory at Conover.
3. That we appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for installing city water at the institution.

California Concordia College, Oakland, Cal.

(Report of the Local Board. Condensed. — German Report, p. 69.)

In the past year the attendance rose to 104. Nine graduates will enter St. Louis in the fall. The new chair created by the previous convention was filled by calling Rev. B. W. J. Lange, of Berkeley, Cal. The teaching force consists of the director, three professors, and two assistants. Our institution consists of only one building, erected to accommodate 60 pupils. The Lutheran Education Society has erected a small, but well-equipped building for instruction in natural sciences.

Requests.

1. An administration building, to cost \$175,000.
2. A dormitory to accommodate 50 students, to cost \$50,000.
3. Alterations in the present building, \$9,500.
4. Sidewalks and grading, \$4,000.
5. A new water pump, costing \$1,250.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve the following excess expenditures: a. \$9,502.68 for residences; b. \$1,717.81 for equipment and repairs.
2. To appropriate: a. \$175,000 for an administration building; b. \$9,500 for alterations in the present building; c. \$4,000 for sidewalks and grading.
3. To decline the request for a dormitory.
4. To refer to the Board of Directors, with power to act, the request for a new water pump, to cost \$1,250.

Concordia College, Portland, Oreg.

(Report of the Board of Control. Condensed. — German Report, p. 71.)

The Board reported a successful period of three years. The attendance was 40, 42, and 34, respectively, for each of the three years.

Requests.

1. To add two years to the course, making the institution a junior college.
2. An administration building, costing \$66,000.
3. A dormitory, costing \$57,000.
4. Additional land, costing about \$4,300, for professors' residences.
5. To purchase two houses which have been occupied by our professors, for \$12,200.
6. To remodel the present building, costing \$5,500.

Resolved:—**Action.**

1. To approve the excess expenditure of \$450 for equipment and improvement.
2. To appropriate: a. \$66,000 for an administration building; b. \$12,200 for the purchase of two professors' residences; c. \$3,950 for the purchase of a tract of land; d. \$5,500 for rebuilding the present building, changing it into a service building; e. up to \$4,000 for a heating-plant; f. \$5,000 for equipment.
3. To decline the request to extend the institution so as to make it a junior college.

Concordia College, Edmonton, Alta., Can.

(Report of the Board of Control. Condensed. — German Report, p. 74.)

On September 10, 1924, the Board of Directors to which the question of locating our Canadian Concordia had been referred, decided to keep the institution in Edmonton. The present site of ten acres was purchased in the fall of 1924. The site is equipped with sewers, water, light, telephone, and street-car connection, and a residence worth at least \$6,000, some smaller buildings, and a stable were on the tract. The entire cost, including the right to mine coal, amounted to \$13,800. Ground was broken for the building May 20, 1925; the building was dedicated January 10, 1926. The cost of purchasing the site, erecting an administration building, a dormitory, and a service building, and remodeling the director's residence totaled \$146,873.46.

The present faculty consists of four professors and an assistant professor. Profs. W. A. Baepfer and J. H. Hereilers were called during the past three years. Enrolment: 1923—24, 48; 1924—25, 65; 1925—26, 68. Three girls who are preparing themselves for teaching in our schools or for deaconess work attended this year.

Requests.

1. To extend the institution into a junior college.
2. To grant \$30,000 for the erection of three professors' residences.

3. Grading of the site, costing \$4,500.
4. To grant \$5,271.10 for equipment and improvement.
5. To increase the library appropriation from \$50 to \$100.

Resolved:—**Action.**

1. To extend the institution into a junior college.
2. To appropriate: a. \$4,500 for grading; b. \$5,000 for teaching equipment; c. to decline the request for professors' residences.

Lutheran Concordia College of Texas, Austin, Tex.

(Report of the Local Board. Condensed. — German Report, p. 78.)

After selecting Austin as the most appropriate location for our Texas institution, a site of nineteen acres was purchased on September 11, 1925, for \$17,100, located a short distance from the State University. The street forming the northern boundary of our property, donated by the former owner, about one acre, will be called Concordia Ave. The first building will bear the name Kilian Hall in memory of Rev. J. Kilian, the first pastor of our Synod in Texas. It will accommodate forty students. Since it became evident that it would be impossible, with the money available, to erect a building which would not destroy the symmetry of the plot plan, the Board of Directors granted us an increase, with instructions to ask Synod to approve such excess allowance. An unparalleled drought made it impossible to raise the \$30,000 which the Texas District promised. The Board of Directors has advanced also this sum. The general contract was let March 29, 1926, for \$60,945; the special contract, covering lighting, heating, and sewers, for \$9,478.

May 11, President H. Studtmann was called as Director. The architect was instructed to prepare plans for the first professor's residence. The Spanish tile floor for the lobby, costing \$375, was donated by Mr. A. C. Knippa, of Austin. In spite of earnest endeavors your Board succeeded in raising only \$1,500 for a steel-roof construction, one half of the sum needed. We request Synod to appropriate the additional \$1,500.

Since the present number of prospective students will already overburden the Director, we ask permission to engage an assistant professor, say a student. No doubt the accommodations for 40 students will be overcrowded before the next convention of Synod. Hence we ask Synod to devise ways and means for providing additional facilities. We request \$100 annually for our library. As soon as a second professor is called, a second professor's residence will be necessary. If the uniformity of the plot plan is not to be disturbed, a sum similar to the one appropriated for the first professor's residence ought to be set aside. We request an appropriation of \$10,000

for a professor's residence and an additional professor as soon as it becomes necessary. The following itemized estimate shows what furnishings are needed:—

1. Three classrooms: 80 desks	\$ 560.00
3 teachers' desks and chairs	90.00
2. Lecture-rooms: 50 chairs	350.00
3. Chapel: 150 folding-chairs	525.00
Piano	—
4. College Commons: Suite and chairs	300.00
5. Library: 30 library chairs	150.00
2 6-foot tables	60.00
6. Dining-room: 40 dining-room chairs	160.00
Dining-room tables	75.00
7. Kitchen: Stove	175.00
Refrigeration	900.00
2 tables	25.00
Dishes and utensils	100.00
8. Chemistry and Physics Laboratory	500.00
9. Students' rooms: 40 study chairs	160.00
20 study tables	340.00
42 beds (Murphy)	2,250.00
10. Conditioning the grounds for the next three years	1,700.00
11. Sidewalks for Kilian Hall	250.00
12. Graveled roads	1,000.00
Total	\$10,000.00

NOTE. — These estimates were given us by Mr. Harvey P. Smith, architect.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To approve the expenditure of \$13,194 for land and buildings.
2. To permit the preliminary education of students who plan to become teachers.
3. To approve the excess expenditure of \$1,500 for steel-roof construction.
4. To request the Board of Control to get along, if at all possible, with the present buildings for the next three years.
5. To authorize the Board of Directors to make temporary provision for students who cannot be housed in the present buildings.
6. To allow up to \$10,000 for furnishings.

Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Brazil, South America.

(Report of the Board of Control. Condensed. — German Report, p. 82.)

In 1924, 51 students attended the institution; 7 graduated into the ministry in December, 1924, and 8 in December, 1925. The present class numbers 13 and will graduate December, 1927. The Pro-seminary class enrolled in March, 1924, numbers 16. The students are poor; only five are able to pay their own board. The faculty

consists of Dr. J. H. Jahn, President, Professors Rehfeldt and Schelp, and Rev. K. A. Rupp, whom the Board of Control engaged as assistant when the two assistants, A. O. Meyer and E. M. Plass, returned to the United States. A third professor's residence was erected at a cost of \$4,000. \$25,000 has been received for the new administration building, which must be completed by March, 1926. Owing to the rise in exchange this amounts to about \$5,000 less than it did at the time the contract was let.

Needs and Requests.

1. Extension of our college course to six years.
2. Two additional professorships.
3. Permission to establish a Pedagogical Department.
4. Three additional professors' residences.
5. Permission to draw the \$200 a year allowed each college for musical instruction and apply it to the purchase of reed organs.
6. An increased library allowance of \$200 annually.
7. \$670 for repairs.
8. \$2,500 to make the final payment on the property purchased directly east of the institution and to grant permission to retain the plot north of our property, which was to have been sold and the proceeds used to purchase the tract lying to the east.
9. \$5,000 to complete the payment for the administration building.
10. \$1,561 for alterations in the dormitory.
11. \$2,175 for a combined hospital and steward's residence.
12. \$1,088 for a fence.
13. \$62 for draining the athletic field.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To grant the request of the Board of Control and extend the four-year preparatory course to a six-year course.
2. To decline the request for the establishment of a pedagogical department.
3. To decline the request pertaining to music instruction and to encourage the Brazil District to provide for such smaller expenditures from its own resources.
4. To pay the debt of \$670 incurred for repairs.
5. To appropriate up to \$2,500 for the purchase of land to be used for professors' residences.
6. To appropriate: a. \$5,000 additional for the administration building made necessary by changes in the rate of exchange; b. \$1,561 for alterations in the dormitory; c. \$2,175 for hospital rooms; d. \$1,088 for a fence; e. \$62 for drainage.
7. To approve the excess expenditure of \$24,203.59.

B. Reports and Resolutions Pertaining to Educational Institutions in General.

Report of the Committee for Raising Standards of our Educational System.

(German Report, p. 88.)

An Hon. Synod charged your Committee together with the Hon. Faculty of our Seminary in St. Louis and representatives of our junior colleges to work out a course of study for our junior colleges, providing for higher standards of instruction. It would carry us too far afield to record all the preliminary work, correspondence, and deliberations which finally led to a common achievement. Especially the Professors' Conference at Lombard, Ill., in the summer of 1925 occupied itself with this matter. Two things, above all, were recognized: 1. That the Hon. Faculty of our Seminary at St. Louis had to decide what attainments our junior college graduates must have reached before they could enter the Seminary; 2. that our junior colleges must be extended if under existing conditions they were to serve their purpose. Accordingly, Prof. P. E. Kretzmann, D. D., drew up a curriculum for our junior colleges which the Hon. Faculty at St. Louis approved. December 28 and 29 a meeting was held in Chicago with representatives of our junior colleges, attended by Dr. Kretzmann as representative of the St. Louis Faculty and also by President Pfotenhauer, the latter by request, at which this curriculum was discussed and adopted after some changes had been made. The same thing was done at the meetings which your Committee held on February 6, 1926, together with President Pfotenhauer. This plan, adopted by all charged with this work, is herewith presented to an Hon. Synod.

Curriculum for Our Preparatory Institutions.

Course of Study of the Proposed Senior College.

By Way of Orientation.

The word *curriculum* is here used in the specific meaning which has become attached to it as a result of the latest investigations in the field of curriculum construction, chiefly by men like Bobbitt, Charters, Bonser, Gray, Parker, and others. The curriculum, in this sense, is a plan of education, or training, setting forth mainly the aims, objectives, or goals of any particular subject or group of subjects, together with such general discussion concerning the routes, activities, habits, abilities, powers, and ideals pertaining to those subjects as will make for definite and efficient school-work. To some extent the curriculum includes also a discussion of methods, although only in a general way. The curriculum differs from the course of

study in that the latter offers the actual subject-matter or content of teaching by means of which teachers hope to reach a goal. It is evident that the making of a curriculum is far more important than the planning of a course of study; in fact, the latter work can hardly be undertaken with any promise of successful results unless the former has been properly carried out. Hitherto the objectives of the work in our Junior Colleges have not been clearly understood, or at least not accepted with uniform agreement, and therefore it is the aim of this essay to suggest such goals as seem to be in keeping with the character and object of these schools.

It is well to keep in mind, in broaching this subject, that principles of teaching in high schools and colleges must ever be formulated with regard to one of the following aims, generally speaking:—

1. The informational aim, which intends to impart knowledge to the pupils and students in the shortest possible time and with a great amount of drill;
2. The disciplinary aim, which intends to train the students in observation and discrimination (to reason correctly);
3. The esthetic aim, which is inspirational rather than informational, encouraging the actual absorbing of artistic appreciation rather than a formal study of the principles of the arts concerned;
4. The kinesthetic aim, or that pertaining to manual training and technique, which tries to place the students into actual life situations and make immediate applications of theoretical material to concrete problems.

OUR CHIEF AIM OR OBJECTIVE.

Our *primary* objective is to lay a good foundation for professional theological study on scientific lines.

This includes preliminary work in pedagogy. The professional side of the principles of supervision and the teaching of religion is taken up in the seminary.

Our *secondary* objective: Information and attitudes of intelligent citizenship and leadership in the pastoral office.

THE AIM IN RELIGION.

To deepen the knowledge of the Small Catechism and to widen its scope in the direction of systematic theology; to make the students acquainted with the chief parts of the Bible and to habituate them in the use of the Bible as a tool, at least to the extent in which it is being advocated for laymen. (Cp. *Search the Scriptures!*)

NOTE.—A mere repetition of the subject-matter of religious instruction as given in the upper grades and in catechumen classes does not meet the needs of the Junior College boy; he needs the approach of the Junior Bible Class attitude. (Cp. *Concordia Teachers' Library*, Vol. V.)

ACTION. — The committee concurred in the following plans:—

1. Two lessons a week in religion.
2. Two years to be devoted to the study of the Catechism; second year may be topical treatment.
3. Two years of Bible History.
4. One year of general Biblical Analysis.
5. One year of New Testament Greek—cursory reading; no exegesis.
6. Proof-texts to be studied every year.
7. Chapel readings* to be systematized.
8. It must not be forgotten that the religious instruction should also further the personal Christianity of our students, that is, the devotional and inspirational side of religious lessons must not be forgotten.

THE AIM IN LANGUAGES.

A. THE ANCIENT LANGUAGES.

HEBREW. — To give all the students a reading knowledge of elementary Hebrew, to the extent that they may read and translate, with reasonable fluency, Old Testament books having the difficulty of Genesis; to train the students in the use of the grammar as a tool and reference book for more advanced reading.

Hebrew.

(Analysis.)

Fundamentals of grammar.

Prose, historical and descriptive.

Simple Hebrew poetry (Senior College).

ACTION. — Aim adapted to "the difficulty of Genesis." Remainder of paragraph with addition of words "and poetry" to be reserved as aim of the Senior College course.

GREEK. — To lay the foundation of the philological understanding of classical Greek by rational drill in the *fundamentals* of Greek grammar, to read enough selections from Greek authors to enable the normal student to develop a fairly reliable *Sprachgefuehl*; to teach the fundamentals of New Testament Greek (with some reference to the Septuagint and Patristic Greek); and to have the students do some independent cursory reading of the easier parts of the New Testament.

Greek.

(Analysis.)

Reading-material not included in project.

Fundamental prose. (Grammar — Translation Method, with some direct work.)

* Add: "and private readings." — Survey Committee.

History and description. (Grammar — Translation Method.)

Advanced prose and poetry. (Grammar — Composition Method.)

New Testament philology, grammar, and reading.

ACTION. — Four years is the normal amount of time to be devoted to the study of Greek in order that the aims set forth may be attained. Teaching of Greek in Sophomore High was considered an unsatisfactory arrangement.

LATIN. — To lay the foundation of the *fundamentals* of classic Latin by teaching the essentials of grammar and by a great deal of sight-reading from Latin, according to some acknowledged system of grading; to have the more advanced linguists among the students become acquainted with some of the foremost Latin authors; to do some sight-reading in Patristic and Medieval Latin with all students and assist the more advanced in cursory reading in this field.

NOTE. — If the course of study and the methods of teaching will permit, the individual school may go beyond the objectives here outlined and try to approach the aims common to all the classical departments in American colleges, as given in Klapper, *College Teaching*, chap. XX; *The Teacher of the Classics*, by William K. Prentice, p. 405 f.

Latin.

(Analysis.)

Reading-material not included in project. Facile use of simple declarative sentences, also in interrogative form, in topics pertaining to ordinary life, in paragraphs of not more than three sentences. (Direct Method. Text-books: Mutting; Game and Clark; Collar and Daniel; Bennett through four years of course.)

Compound sentences in descriptive and historical narrative. (Direct Method.)

Mastery of individual complex sentences in unit paragraphs in written composition and in translation, in single declarative and interrogative sentences in oral composition. (Grammar — Translation Method.)

Mastery of advanced translation of historical material and simple poetry. (Grammar — Composition Method.)

Medieval Literature.

Advanced poetry.

ACTION. — Insert words "not read in class" after "foremost Latin authors." The aim may be attained in a five-year course, in our opinion, beginning preferably in Freshman High.

"But Latin should not be entirely dropped in Sophomore College Class." — Survey Committee.

The advisability of beginning Latin in Sophomore High was discussed (difficulty of studying two foreign languages in Freshman vs. benefits of grammar and sentence analysis).

B. THE MODERN LANGUAGES.

ENGLISH. — To extend the training of the grammar and the secondary school in teaching English *as a tool* and *the use of English* as a tool (reading and writing vocabulary) to the point where every student is able to use grammatically and orthographically correct choice English in both oral and written work, in unit paragraphs, with a proper progression of thought, so that both expression and thought are valued; to promote such an acquaintance with the best products of English Literature, also by cursory and supervised reading, as to develop in the minds of the students a taste for the best in content and the choicest in form.

English.

(Analysis.)

Reading-matter not included in project. Practical points to be emphasized: —

Oral and written composition work in *Narration* predominating, in one to three unit paragraphs.

Oral and written composition work in *Description*, in one to three unit paragraphs.

Oral and written composition work in *Exposition*, in one to three unit paragraphs.

A fairly facile use of the common figures of speech in themes written under supervision, rather than under direction, of teacher.

Oral and written composition in *Oration*, *Argumentation*, and *Debate*, in unit paragraphs not exceeding ten.

Early English Literature.

Elizabethan Literature.

A survey of English Literature from the seventeenth to the twentieth century, with emphasis on American field (much collateral work).

ACTION. — Adopted as stated.

GERMAN. — To give the students at least a reading knowledge and, if possible, also a speaking and writing knowledge of German, which will enable them to produce a connected discourse, not only to commit to memory and thus to deliver it, but also to take part in a conversation and a debate with reasonable proficiency; if allowance can also be made for the esthetic side of the training, let this be done in some measure, at least, by a survey course in German Literature.

NOTE. — The aims given by Prokosch in Klapper, *l. c.*, p. 441, are the following: "The starting-point of the modern language course in college is easily fixed; it must begin at the very rudiments of the language. Nor is it difficult to state, in general terms, the purpose of the most advanced work of the undergraduate curriculum: it must consist in adequate linguistic skill, literary knowledge and feeling, and cultural understanding to such an extent that the college graduate who has specialized in German

may safely be entrusted with the teaching of German in secondary schools. . . . Ordinarily, such mastery of the subject as would prepare for teaching cannot be gained within the four-year college course. Rather, it might be said to require the average equivalent of something like six college years, with the understanding that not much more than one fourth of the student's time be devoted to German."

German.

(Analysis.)

Reading-matter not included in project.

The use, in oral and written work, of simple declarative and interrogative sentences in paragraphs of not more than three sentences. (Direct Method. — Gouin.)

The use of German prose in ordinary historical and descriptive sentences, including simple forms of compound and complex sentences. (Direct Method.)

An understanding of simple German poetry; written and oral composition work of not more than two unit paragraphs. (Grammar — Translation Method.)

The more difficult German prose, dramas; ability to present simple themes in class extempore. (Grammar — Composition Method.)

Mastery of the more difficult grammatical constructions and of German idioms. (Grammar — Composition Method.)

German Literature to the Reformation. (Much collateral reading.)

German Literature to the present time. (Survey work only.)

The language of Luther and of the German Bible.

NOTE. — After "Luther" add the words: "especially from his three great works of 1520." — *Survey Committee.*

ACTION. — Adopted with addition of words: "In Oberklassen Deutsch als Unterrichtsmedium, wo moeglich."

Discussion of advisability of instruction in Greek, Latin, or History by means of German language. It was urged that more emphasis be placed on speaking, less on reading, in German lessons; that the direct method of instruction be used in German as in Latin; that classes in German be small.

Romance languages: Under the present circumstances in our country there is little or no practical need for French, Spanish, or Italian. Where work in the Romance languages is undertaken, it will be chiefly for the cultural * value, not as a preparation for specific theological work.

We recommend to strike out this whole passage concerning Romance languages. — *Survey Committee.*

* Add: "and commercial." — *Survey Committee.*

THE AIM IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES.

The social sciences, according to present-day standards, include the following subjects: History, Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Philosophy, Ethics, Psychology, History of Education, Educational Theory. Of these, Philosophy and Ethics have been taught as a part of the regular course in theological seminaries. Psychology has also been offered, chiefly in its application to the field of Education, incidentally in various other connections. History of Education and Educational Theory have been given in the pedagogical course, or department, of seminaries. Economics, Sociology, and Political Science are not yet included in the regular course. * Possibly the addition of two further years of college training to round out our preparatory course will enable us to have at least elementary courses in these subjects.

Social Sciences.

(Analysis.)

Ancient history.

Medieval and modern history.

Civics and political economy.

Background of secular history in Bible times.

Principles of business law. Social economy.

ACTION. — Aim as stated adopted.

HISTORY. — To give the student a working knowledge of the fundamental facts in the history of the human race, at least according to the great periods or cycles; to extend the knowledge of American history possessed by the graduates of grammar schools, to include some of the underlying social and economic principles of development; to connect up the chief events in secular history with the most prominent features of ecclesiastical history; * to emphasize the history of the empires in any way associated with the children of Israel, from Abraham to the destruction of Jerusalem, 70 A. D., at least by establishing points of contact.*

PSYCHOLOGY. — To cover the principles of Psychology, without connecting them with any particular subject, an elementary or primer course being preferable to one with a specific connection.

EDUCATION. — The History of Education and specific pedagogical courses, as in Method and Methods, will hardly find room under the present arrangement. They can later be included in the work of a Senior College.

Philosophy.

Psychology.

History of Philosophy.

History of Education.

ACTION (Philosophy and Education). — These subjects to be reserved for the Senior College.

* The last two points above must be emphasized. — Survey Committee.

THE AIM IN THE NATURAL SCIENCES.

The natural sciences, according to the present standards, include the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Mathematics, Physical Education. For Geology we may substitute at once, as being more in line with our aims, Physiography or Economic Geography, and Physical Education will be extended to include Physiology, Hygiene, and Sanitary Science. In general it may be said that the emphasis placed upon sciences during the last decades has tended to obscure the aim which we have in mind in our preparatory institutions. There is no question about the value of laboratory work, for it teaches the student to gather facts for himself, to keep scientific records, to distinguish between material and immaterial, relevant and irrelevant, etc. But, as a matter of fact, our institutions are bound to be top-heavy in the language department; it is essential for the purpose of our pretheological work. On the other hand, it is necessary, for work in Apologetics and, to some extent, in Philosophy, that our students be equipped with a fairly thorough elementary knowledge in every department of science. In other words, the objectives of our training would seem to demand that we give an *informational course in General Science*, and that fairly comprehensive. Possibly a rather intensive course exposing the vagaries of the theory of Evolution may be given,* as altogether consistent with the chief aim of our preparatory institutions. In laboratory courses, which come under the secondary aims of our Junior Colleges, those in Biology ought to have the preference, since they include the more obvious side of the book of nature, one in which the average pastor may well take an active interest all his life.

Natural Sciences.

(Analysis.)

General science.

Biology.

Anatomy, Physiology, Hygiene, and Sanitary Science.

ACTION. — Section of paragraph stating objectives met with approval. No resolutions, however, to teach *only* a General Science course or to eliminate laboratory from science courses.

MATHEMATICS. — The utilitarian or technical value of these subjects is very negligible for our specific purpose, but the cultural and disciplinary value is important enough to warrant at least the elementary courses in Algebra, Geometry, and Trigonometry. Their value is clearly in the place of logical thinking, on which account they come under the primary aim, and their informational side makes them important also for the secondary aim of our institutions.

* The word "Possibly" should be omitted and the word "may" be changed to "should." — Survey Committee.

Mathematics.

(Analysis.)

Algebra.

Plane (and Solid) Geometry.

Plane and Spherical Trigonometry.

Calculus. (Senior College.)

ACTION. — Adopted as stated.

PHYSIOLOGY, HYGIENE, AND SANITARY SCIENCE. — The aim here is chiefly within the secondary objectives, although the correlated subjects come into consideration also for certain branches of Systematic and Practical Theology.

PHYSIOGRAPHY AND ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY — Being very closely related and at least easily correlated, these subjects have a direct bearing on certain fields of Practical Theology (diaconics, missions), although their value under the secondary objectives is also obvious.

THE AIM IN OTHER COURSES.

We here consider Music, Art, and Business Education. Art will be touched on, at least incidentally, in the teaching of History, and possibly this will serve,* in a general way, for preparatory work in Church Art and Architecture. A course in Business Education, at least in the principles of business law and in the ethics of business, would obviously be of great value. It may be considered in connection with a possible Senior College.

MUSIC. — To give our students not only an appreciation of the unequalled hymnological and other musical treasures of our Church, but also a working knowledge, at least in vocal, if not in instrumental, performance, so that the liturgical side of our church-services will as soon as possible be lifted out of the deplorable depths to which it has now sunken.

Music.

(Analysis.)

Practical exercises. Some history of Lutheran music.

ACTION. — Approved as stated.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE PROPOSED TWO-YEAR SENIOR COLLEGE COURSE.

The number of semester hours required for graduation shall be 72 (exclusive of religion); 49 to be prescribed, 23 to be elective.

The prescribed course shall be as follows: —

* The word "possibly" is to be omitted. Instead of the words "and possibly this will serve" read: "and is to serve." — Survey Committee.

SEMESTER HOURS.

German	8	Two hours each term for two years. Survey of German Literature begun in College Sophomore to be completed in College Junior. Bible German in College Senior.
Greek	6	In College Junior. Four years, beginning in Senior High, to be prescribed for College Senior, then to be elective.
Hebrew	6	College Junior. Two years to be prescribed, namely, for College Sophomore and Junior. Elective in College Senior.
Education	12	
General Psychology	3	
Social Economy	3	
History Int. Dev.	3	
Biology	8	

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ELECTIVES.

23 semester hours from the following: —		
Mathematics	6	Calculus, Analytical Geometry.
English	5	Elizabethan Literature, Advanced Argumentation, Contemporary Literature.
Latin	6	Medieval, Seneca, Pliny, Tacitus, Suetonius, Terence, Plautus, Juvenal, Church Fathers, Survey of Latin Literature.
Greek	6	New Testament, Patristics, Comedy (Aristophanes, Aeschylus), Lyrics (Pindar, Anacreon, Sappho), Demosthenes, Lysias.
Hebrew Grammar	6	College Senior.
Logic	2	
History of Philosophy ..	4	
Business Law	2	

Resolved not to press for accreditation now, but to make this college, as far as possible, accreditable.

In conclusion your Committee for Raising the Standards of our Educational System makes the following additional proposals: —

1. Beginning with Sexta, students are to receive competent instruction in the use of the vocal organs. The study of a young man for the ministry represents so great an investment that everything ought to be done to put him in position to serve the Church for a longer period of time.

2. Every pupil should annually undergo a physical examination and be held to take such physical exercises as he needs.

3. At the first examination every pupil is to be warned against the sins to which youth is easily tempted, especially those done in secret, and receive a tract on this matter. Rev. W. Dallmann, D. D., was asked to write such a tract.

4. The instruction in the lower classes, where the foundation must be laid, should be given by regular professors, and therefore not many assistants ought to be employed at our educational institutions.

5. In the interest of the present situation the entrance requirements of the Springfield Seminary should be raised; particulars as to ways and means are to be referred to a committee to be elected.

Point 2 was supported by the unprinted overture of the Professors' Conference.

Action.**Resolved:—**

1. That the curriculum outlined by the committee in its report be used by our colleges.
2. That the Professors' Conference make necessary changes or improvements and see that they are put into operation.
3. That the Faculty at St. Louis exercise its authority to determine entrance requirements and insist that they be met.
4. That every student entering our institutions be required to submit to the Director a doctor's certificate of health together with his application.
5. That the students at all our colleges and seminaries be subjected to a physical examination by the college physician at least once a year.
6. Touching the fourth recommendation of the Survey Committee, Synod resolved that the prevailing practise of employing so many assistant professors be reduced to a minimum. It was, however, also recognized that Synod must be conservative in creating new professorships and that the advantages of engaging a limited number of assistant professors must not be overlooked.

Better Supervision of Our Educational Institutions.

(German Report, p. 99.)

In view of the tremendous expansion in recent years of Synod's system of higher education in our colleges and seminaries and in view of the present-day problems of education that call for constant study, the Pittsburgh Local Pastoral Conference respectfully submits to the Ven. Synod the advisability of establishing a more adequate, efficient, and unified supervision of all our institutions of learning. We believe this can best be accomplished by the election of one competent person, who would work under the direction of the President. This person would devote his time solely or principally to the department of higher education. His duty would be to make a study of educational matters; to hold regular and frequent visitations in each institution, and visitations long enough to enable him to get a thorough insight into the management, discipline, and class-work; also to get into personal contact with teachers, and to recommend and to advise.

As to whether the office to be created be that of an Educational Secretary, or whether one of Synod's Vice-Presidents be chosen for this work, thereby taking the first step towards a system of department heads in the *Praesidium*, we have no recommendation to make.

In the name of the Pittsburgh Local Pastoral Conference, in session January 5, 1926, in Pittsburgh,

Freedom, Pa., January 6, 1926.

W. E. SCHULDT, *Secretary*.

An Overture to Provide for Expert Supervision of Our Colleges and Seminaries, so as to Secure Coordination of Effort and Increased Efficiency.

WHEREAS, Our Synod owns and operates a number of higher institutions of learning, chiefly for the purpose of preparing young men for the office of pastor and schoolteacher; and

WHEREAS, The final object, or goal, of these institutions is the same, *viz.*, to give to the students the best possible training for future service in the Lord's kingdom; and

WHEREAS, The specific object of the majority of these institutions, the so-called preparatory colleges, is to supply our chief theological seminary at St. Louis with scholars who are ready to take up an intensive course of theological studies preparatory to entering the service; and

WHEREAS, The graduates of this latter class of institutions, the preparatory colleges, ought as nearly as possible to be uniformly well qualified, both mentally and spiritually, to enter the seminary; and

WHEREAS, The percentage of students who fail to graduate is much greater in some institutions than in others, which causes a great difference in the per capita cost of operation; and

WHEREAS, The large and scattered number of our colleges and seminaries or other higher institutions of learning logically calls for unified and expert supervision; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Southern Indiana Pastoral Conference, herewith petition the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, in convention at St. Louis, Mo., from June 9 to 18, 1926, to adopt the following or similar resolutions:—

1. That a Board be created which shall be known as "The Board of Supervisors of Colleges and Seminaries."

2. a) That this Board be composed of five members, to wit, the President of Synod, two pastors, and two laymen, these pastors and laymen to be chosen from the voting congregations of Synod.

b) When this Board is established, it shall be elected according to the usual mode of procedure. One pastor and one layman shall be elected for six years and one pastor and one layman for three years. Thereafter the regular term of office is to be six years. In case of a vacancy the Board shall have the power of substitution.

3. That this Board shall meet semiannually or oftener, as necessity requires.

4. That the duties of this Board shall be:—

a) To supervise all our colleges and seminaries, working in conjunction with the local Boards of Control and the Electoral Colleges;

b) To make a careful survey of each and every institution of Synod, covering a number of years, with the purpose of ascertaining what percentage of the students enrolled finally graduates and enters the service of the Church; also to learn in what classes and for what reasons the losses occur, and why such losses are greater in some institutions than in others;

c) To make recommendations with the purpose of reducing such losses to a minimum;

d) To ascertain what it costs Synod to operate its various colleges and seminaries per graduate entering the preaching or teaching profession, covering all expenses incidental to the maintenance of these institutions;

e) To study the curriculum of each institute, its equipment, library, and other facilities, its discipline and all other phases of its life, with a view to raising the spiritual, moral, and educational standards of our colleges and seminaries;

f) To employ an Executive Secretary, who is to devote his entire time and energy to this work, and whose salary shall be established by this Board in conjunction with the Board of Directors.

5. That the duties of the Executive Secretary shall be: to visit each college and seminary of Synod for the purpose of gathering all information desired; to spend enough time in each institution to enable him to form a correct opinion of its status; to attend classes, examine equipment, meet with the faculty and the local Board of Control; to get into touch with the student-body; to make a written report on his findings at each institution immediately after visiting it, and to file a copy of such report, together with his recommendations, with each member of the Board of Supervisors of Colleges and Seminaries.

6. That the Board at its regular meeting shall analyze these reports. That this Board shall have the right to hear complaints concerning our institutions. Should it develop that changes ought to be made in any of our institutions, either in the teaching staff or in the management, or otherwise, the Board of Supervisors shall meet with the local Board of Control and the Electoral College of the institution for the purpose of presenting its views. If a majority of the members of the above-named boards present vote in favor of the recommendations made by the Board of Supervisors of Colleges and Seminaries, such decisions shall be valid and binding.

In the name of the Southern Indiana Pastoral Conference.

E. H. EGGERS, *Chairman of Committee.*

Action.

Resolved, for the time being to abstain from calling an educational secretary.

Public Speaking Course in Seminaries.

The English Lutheran Pastoral Conference of Chicago memorialized Synod to include a course in public speaking in the curricula of all the seminaries of our Synod, in order sufficiently to stress the necessary externals of preaching, such as —

1. Organization and handling of speech material; argumentation, debate, persuasion, etc.

2. Correct use of the voice: a. Correct breathing; b. correct tone placement; c. modulation of tone and articulation.

3. Systematic training in bodily action for speech-work: a. Poise (active relaxation, ease, natural position); b. facial expression (not elocutionary grimaces); c. gesticulation.

Committee report: "Your Committee clearly sees the merit of the subject of this overture, and we therefore recommend this matter to the faculties of our educational institutions for serious consideration. — *Adopted.*"

Extension of Junior College Course. Senior College.

(German Report, p. 122.)

Memorial of the Professors' Conference.

At its meeting in Lombard, Ill., in June, 1925, the Professors' Conference resolved to petition an Hon. Synod to add two years to our junior college course, thus extending it to that of a senior college and placing it on a par with that of our American college, without indeed losing sight of our peculiar needs.

Why does the Professors' Conference recommend such extension of our junior college course?

a) That our students may be better prepared for the study of theology and for the office of the ministry.

b) That our students may be of more advanced age and of firmer character when they enter St. Louis.

c) That our future pastors may attain to greater knowledge and with perfect right may be considered college graduates (A. B. degree).

d) That graduates of St. Louis may more rightfully than at present have conferred upon them the degree of D. D. and of S. T. M.

e) That such pastors as must teach school may, on the basis of their credits, receive a certificate of teaching. If we desire that schools be organized in new congregations, we must under existing conditions make provisions for removing the difficulties which some States cause our pastors.

f) That we ourselves may give our students that education, under Christian influence, which some now seek in other institutions with great danger for the welfare of their souls and for the Church. (The number of students continuing their studies at other institutions, after receiving their diplomas from our schools, is increasing.)

How can this proposed extension be effectively and speedily put into operation? By making use of our old Seminary building in St. Louis, beginning with the fall of 1926.

a) Owing to the large expense, Synod could hardly be persuaded to increase the course at all our preparatory institutions by two years, whereby the number of professors, of dormitories and residences, and the amount of current expenses, etc., would be materially increased. To extend the courses of a few institutions would result in dissatisfaction and would be inadvisable also for other reasons. (See b, and c.)

b) In favor of a Central Senior College, as opposed to the extension of the course of existing institutions, it may be stated that it is eminently desirable, aye, almost necessary, that students of the senior college no longer remain at our present institutions. Their age and previous environment make it altogether desirable that they enter a new environment.

c) Study in the senior college ought at first not to be made obligatory. In such event the dearth of candidates for the ministry would be too great.

d) The arguments for removing the Seminary at St. Louis to a new set of buildings apply not at all or only in a limited measure to the erection of a senior college. For a number of years the student-body would be much smaller. There could be no complaint of lack of space; many things could be differently arranged. The lack of a campus would be a drawback. But it would be possible to get along in the same way in which a much larger number of students had to get along for many years. Finally the old Seminary building is to be only a temporary shift. After six or more years a Central Senior College could be erected elsewhere.

The Professors' Conference considers this matter very important and very necessary for the proper growth of our education system and the welfare of the Church and therefore asks Synod earnestly and prayerfully to consider this matter and, if possible, to decide to extend our junior college course by two years in the proposed manner. We are firmly convinced that in the end this will have to be done, that we ought to delay no longer, but even now unanimously pass such resolution in the name of God.

Memorial of the Western District.

In a circular letter of Easter, 1925, by the Ven. President F. Pfothenhauer, D. D., to the District presidents and their visitors, mention is made whether or not it be feasible and advisable to add two classes to the college course preparatory to the seminary course.

Also in the case that two classes be added, making the preparatory course a full high school and a full college course, the Ven.

President suggested that conferences deliberate whether these two classes should be added at one or at several colleges at first, or whether the two new classes should be separated from the present colleges and a separate institution be maintained for that purpose.

The Arkansas and West Tennessee Pastoral Conference in its sessions of April 14—17, 1925, at Memphis, Tenn., resolved to make this overture to Synod (1926) and asks the Western District Synod to endorse it, with whatever changes it sees fit.

The Arkansas and West Tennessee Pastoral Conference recommends:—

A. That two classes be added to the present college curriculum. We shall then have a full high school and a full college course.

NB. The reasons for adding two classes in our college course are obvious:—

a) Demands made upon ministers to-day make it hardly possible to obtain the proper education in the course of six years.

b) Other Lutheran bodies have already arranged a course including these two extra classes, and we ought not to fall behind.

B. That for the first these classes be made optional.

NB. If all the graduates of all our colleges entered these extra classes, Synod would be without graduates from our St. Louis seminary for two years. This would greatly hinder the work which we are called to do.

C. That a separate institution for the new classes be arranged.

a) This arrangement would insure a greater uniformity in the studies during the last years of the preparatory course.

b) Students coming from various colleges would be associated and linked together preparatory to their working together in seminary and Synod.

c) For many of the students it would be a new beginning, with new environments, a fresh incentive, to finish the two extra classes at a different school.

d) The special needs of these two classes could be arranged more easily and more efficiently at one school than at several institutions.

e) The discipline and the regulations for a school of students in these extra classes are of a different nature than at a school where there are young boys of twelve years and upward.

D. That the present seminary buildings at St. Louis be utilized for the separate institution for these extra classes.

a) This would keep the professors and students in close touch with the seminary, which certainly would exert a wholesome influence, leading to mutual understanding and cooperation.

b) Buildings still in good condition would be made use of and a saving of money would be effected. For many years to come there

would be ample room. Lecture-rooms could be placed remote from the noise of Jefferson Ave.

c) Arrangements could be made to give the students of these two extra classes opportunities for athletic exercises. Besides, for major sports the gymnasium, which undoubtedly will be built for the seminary, and the splendid athletic field on the seminary grounds would be available.

d) The commissary departments of both institutions could probably be combined in such a manner as to effect great economic advantages.

By resolution of the Arkansas and West Tennessee

Pastoral Conference, MARTIN J. BRUEGGEMANN.

The Western District in session at St. Charles, Mo., October 14—20, 1925, resolved to recommend the West Tennessee and Arkansas Conference overture addressed to Synod for adoption without going on record for or against the last point in regard to the seminary buildings.

RICH. KRETZSCHMAR, *President*.

J. OPPLIGER, *Secretary*.

Reasons Against Extending the Junior College Course.

(Memorial of the Lake Superior Special Conference. — Abridged.)

Touching the introduction of a senior college course, obligatory or elective, we would ask Synod to consider the following:—

I. For the present, and for many years to come, the proposed extension of our junior college course is impractical.

A. Synod is not sufficiently prepared for this step. Without a thoroughly planned and extensive preparation the extension would but serve to confuse our entire educational system. The beginning must be made in the lower classes. To do this requires a long time.

B. The extension would not be without evil consequences.

a) Sons of pastors and sons of relatively poor congregation-members would suffer most.

b) Board money would in many instances have to be paid by the District treasuries.

C. Such an extension would entail an enormous increase in the expenses of Synod, which would constantly grow.

a) Synod's debt at present (February, 1926) is \$433,000.

b) Many additional professors would be necessary.

c) The costs of an appropriate library ought to be considered; as well as

d) The cost of modern, scientific laboratories;

e) Finally the cost of keeping up the old Seminary or of new buildings. (The old Seminary in St. Louis cannot be used for any length of time if the reasons advanced for erecting new buildings were not feigned.)

D. In view of the present shortage of men, the enormous loss of candidates, and, if one may say so, of the working years of pastors (two years less in office) would invalidate the advantages of the extension.

II. Neither present nor future conditions will ever require such a senior college course as is proposed.

A. The Church must under all circumstances confine to a minimum the scientific knowledge made obligatory upon its pastors. It is contrary to Scripture to make the scientific education of a pastor the *conditio sine qua non* in nominating candidates for the ministry. Christ added but one learned Paul to his apostles; the rest were mostly simple fishermen.

B. The present term of instruction is adequate to reach the goal of our institutions, to wit, to educate pastors who are able "to teach and to defend." Synod has greater need of a large number of candidates adequately equipped for the Lord's work than of a smaller number who have enjoyed a higher education.

C. The study of theology at St. Louis may very readily follow the present junior college course. This has been done hitherto and can still be achieved.

a) Our junior colleges should exert themselves to do their best in six years: more intensive work, greater demands on the scholars, sterner elimination of weak pupils, longer scholastic year.

b) In electing professors, one ought to look about more for pastors who are masters of the branches they are called to teach and have good teaching ability.

c) The junior colleges ought to be regularly and carefully visited by experts. Necessary investigations should be carried on with respect to branches of study, methods of teaching, and the members of the faculties. Whatever does not serve the purpose ought to be removed; of course, in the proper manner.

d) Years will less determine whether students are fit to enter St. Louis than character; and the building of characters can very well be accomplished in six years, provided the correct means and methods are employed, to wit, God's Word and firm discipline. Let the chief emphasis be put on positive, aggressive preaching of the Gospel and not upon science and beating the air fighting with sectarian preachers.

e) The seminary course should be adapted to the students and their peculiar needs, not the students to the seminary course.

D. Whether our candidates have obtained an academic degree when they enter the ministry is a matter of minor importance.

a) Statistics show that only 461 of our 3,221 pastors teach school and require an academic degree for the sake of our schools. It would

be cheaper and far more profitable for Synod to pay the teacher for such congregations as cannot salary one themselves than to expend large sums in order to confer on all pastors a recognized degree to enable them to teach school.

b) The largest universities of our country recognize our present full course (seminary and junior college) as satisfactory. The University of Chicago, *e. g.*, practically places every one of the candidates who have graduated from St. Louis with sufficient grades on a level with an A. B. (Bachelor of Arts).

Hence we are of the opinion that the present junior college course should not be extended.

A memorial of similar content was received from the Chippewa Valley Conference of North Wisconsin. The Minnesota District Pastoral Conference also went on record as opposed to a senior college.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 1, Synod *resolved*:—

1. That, although many reasons speak for the adoption of the proposition, this matter be deferred to the next convention, especially for financial reasons;

2. That the President appoint a committee which is to weigh the serviceability and necessity of the proposals contained in this memorial, make appropriate recommendations respecting ways and means of carrying out the plan, and see to it that our congregations are sufficiently informed as to this matter.

New Professorships. Assistant Professors.

The reports of many of our educational institutions showed that the regular faculties were considerably undermanned and that the boards were therefore compelled to engage students as assistants, thereby making necessary changes in the faculties every two years. The various institutions had requested thirty-one new professors.

Committee 1, to which this matter was referred, reported as follows:—

In order to arrive at a more intelligent and just solution of the problem before us, we have observed the following classification of our various institutions: 1. theological seminaries; 2. normal schools; 3. colleges.

1. With reference to our two theological seminaries, we beg to suggest that both be granted the number of professors asked for, to wit: St. Louis one and Springfield one.

2. As to our normal schools, we took into consideration the situation resulting from accreditation and therefore recommend that River Forest and Seward each be granted three new professors.

3. As to the petitions coming from our colleges, we were guided in our deliberations by the following considerations: a) that we may

soon have reached the climax in the enrolment of students at our colleges and for that reason ought to be conservative as to the establishment of new professorships; b) that, after all, a limited employment of assistants offers a flexibility of action and adjustment which ought not to be overlooked.

We submit the following recommendations: that Milwaukee be granted two professors, St. Paul two, Bronxville one, Winfield two, Oakland one, Edmonton one, Austin one, Porto Alegre two.

The recommendations were *adopted*.

May Older Professors Interrupt Their Work to Continue Their Studies Elsewhere?

(German Report, p. 131.)

Synod's Board of Directors called attention to the fact that there was a tendency at various colleges to permit professors who have served their institution for some time to absent themselves for a year in order to take advanced courses at some higher institution of learning. It reported that the Board had several times been asked to approve such an arrangement. It therefore asked Synod to declare its policy in such questions. An unprinted memorial from the Fort Wayne Board of Control petitioned Synod to answer this question in the affirmative.

Action.

Resolved, To consider all such applications as special cases, the solution of which is to be left to the Board of Control of the institution from which the request comes and to the Board of Directors.

Professors' Residences.

(German Report, p. 135.)

Most local boards requested professors' residences, in all about thirty. Committee 1 pointed out that by such an arrangement Synod would save about \$50,000 in rent and therefore recommended that Synod appropriate \$350,000 for such residences, to be expended subject to the consent of the Board of Directors.—*So resolved*.

Creation of New Professorships.

(Memorial 19. — German Report, p. 135.)

In view of the report that the Hon. College of Presidents had created a new professorship at each of our teachers' seminaries, River Forest and Seward, we, the members of the North Indiana and Northwest Ohio Conference of the Central District, assembled at Valparaiso, Ind., October 6—8, 1925, feel constrained to point out that such action is neither authorized by the Constitution of Synod, nor does it accord with the principles by which our fathers were

guided in similar circumstances. We therefore recommend that such or similar cases in which the College of Presidents is compelled to act be presented to the next convention for ratification.

The Committee reported as follows: The College of Presidents knows very well that it has no right to create new professorships. It can, however, recall no instance where it has created a professorship. If Boards of Control, in cases of necessity, have created new professorships, such action was in each instance submitted to Synod for ratification.

The report was *adopted* by Synod.

The Cost of Illuminating Administration Buildings to be Paid from the Synodical Treasury?

The Board of Control of Winfield asked Synod whether, in view of the increased cost of illumination owing to the increased number of buildings, the cost of illuminating the administration buildings should not be paid from the Synodical Treasury as is done with motor power for the organs at the normal schools.

Resolved, That the question regarding the cost of illuminating our administration buildings be referred to the Board of Directors, with power to act.

Appropriations for Libraries and Laboratory Supplies.

(German Report, p. 134.)

Increased appropriations for libraries were asked by the boards of Bronxville, Winfield, Edmonton, and Porto Alegre. The board of our Winfield college also asked for an increased allowance for laboratory supplies.

Action.

1. *Resolved* to make the following annual appropriations for libraries:—

Theological seminaries and normal schools.....	\$500
Junior colleges and Porto Alegre.....	\$350
Academies	\$200

2. *Resolved* to make the following annual appropriations for laboratory equipments:—

Springfield Seminary, normal schools, junior colleges..	\$200
Other institutions	\$50

Professors' Salaries.

(German Report, p. 135.)

The Committee reported: "The Boards of Control of two of our institutions have petitioned for an increase of the salaries of their professors. The petition in the one case is supported by a conference, while in the other case a protest has been lodged against Synod's

granting the request. After lengthy and careful consideration of the salary question of our professors at all our institutions, your Committee could not decide to recommend a general increase of salaries at this time, especially in view of the fact that the Board of Directors is empowered by Synod to grant necessary assistance in special cases. We therefore recommend to Synod that this policy be followed also during the ensuing triennium and that the Board of Directors be instructed to make a careful study of the salary question and report the result of its findings at our next convention.—*Adopted*.

Accreditation of Educational Institutions.

(German Report, p. 136.)

Memorial of the Kansas District.

We, the members of the Kansas Pastoral Conference, assembled at Alma, Kans., October 10, 1925, recommend that the Kansas District advocate the accreditation of our educational institutions at Synod.

H. A. NOTHNAGEL,

Secretary of the Kansas Pastoral Conference.

The foregoing memorial was unanimously adopted by the Kansas District.

W. C. DROEGEMUELLER,

Secretary of the Kansas District.

Memorial of the East Kansas Pastoral Conference.

(Unprinted.)

The Kansas District of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States begs leave to urge upon Synod the desirability of making every effort to secure recognition by the general body of men of letters of the work done at our institutions of higher learning.

We are, of course, conscious of the fact that recognition on the part of educated men in general will not add one particle either to the efficiency of our graduates or to the efficacy of the Word which they proclaim at the Savior's demand. Nevertheless, we believe that such recognition would serve to benefit them in their work to such an extent that, if such recognition could be secured without sacrifice or compromise of the truth committed to our keeping, the effort to secure such recognition of the work done at our institutions would be well worth while. Our reasons for believing that recognition of the work done at our institutions would be desirable are as follows:—

1. Under present conditions, and with prevailing customs and practises, degrees are no longer considered a mark of distinction, but merely an evidence of a liberal education, and the lack of a title stamps a person, in the eyes of the general public, as one who is so deficient in learning as to deserve no title. At present, none of

our institutions can grant a title of merit which is recognized anywhere in the world except in our own midst; and hence we send out our men, after they have completed nine years of arduous work, without a title, which means, practically, with the stamp of a lack of education. And even the honorary titles which we are beginning to bestow are losing their value outside of our own circles because they are issued by institutions which cannot grant a valid title of any kind for merit. As a result, any expression on our part with regard to questions which are in reality questions of Bible truth, but which are looked upon by some as being scientific questions (*e. g.*, evolution), are *a priori* received as the expressions of men of insufficient education and hence not meriting attention.

2. At least one of our States has a law prohibiting any person from teaching in any public, private, or parochial school in the State unless that person can produce the evidence of having acquired a certain standard education. The very lack of recognition of our institutions is there regarded as evidence of insufficient education. And no graduate of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis is permitted to teach even the first grade of a country school in that State unless he submits to an examination in prescribed branches. A simple title, based in part upon a prescribed amount of work in education, from any recognized institution would open the doors of the schools to such a one.

3. In order to meet the demand for postgraduate work on the part of our St. Louis students, we are offering a postgraduate year at that institution. However, it is a matter of common knowledge that a decreasing number of students take advantage of that and that the majority go to recognized schools. Our faculty in St. Louis is trying to discourage that practise, but to no avail. If our graduates want to have their work at St. Louis validated, they must go elsewhere to receive recognition. Even then we have no knowledge of any *public* institution which will accept their credits at their face value. But the institutions to which they go are schools under more or less direct control of other denominations.

4. Graduates of our St. Louis Seminary are discouraged, whenever possible, from going to other institutions to take up postgraduate work, on the plea that they are likely to absorb dangerous error. And we believe that that is correct. Yet, when professors are elected for our institutions, it is becoming an increasingly common practise that, other things being equal, the preference is given to such men as did go elsewhere and secure a title. We are drifting toward the point where we advise students not to go elsewhere; but if they do go, they have a better chance of being made professors in our circles.

5. If it is dangerous to have a man in our ministry who may have absorbed error elsewhere, is not the danger more than doubly great if we put such a man in charge of the training of a large number of future pastors? Hence, in order that we may have home-trained men for our professorships in the future, we should have our institutions accredited at the earliest possible time.

These resolutions were submitted by the East Kansas Pastoral Conference to the Kansas District, convened at Alma, Kans., October 7—13, 1925, and approved by the Kansas District.

W. C. DROEGEMUELLER, *Sec.*

Touching this matter, Committee 22 made the following recommendations:—

1. In 1920 Synod requested the boards of our institutions to take steps toward accreditation.

2. Reports on the matter from representatives of our colleges and seminaries show that sincere efforts toward accreditation have been made and are still being made.

3. It was discovered in the course of these efforts toward accreditation that well-nigh insurmountable difficulties confront us, which demand due time and deliberation for their solution.

4. We would encourage our faculties and boards at all our colleges and seminaries to continue in their commendable efforts to secure accreditation of their institution.

These recommendations were *adopted*.

The Professors' Conference was instructed to consider the question of accreditation at its next meeting.

Disposition of Art Objects Presented to Educational Institutions.

(Overture 142.)

Since well-intentioned friends and patrons occasionally present to our institutions pictures, busts, and replicas of statues, which indeed have artistic value, but are not appropriate for our schools; and since to refuse such donations puts the Boards of Control in an unpleasant position and is frequently misunderstood, we should like to recommend that Synod elect a committee which is to decide on the reception of such objects.

Recommendation of Committee 22.

Your Committee recommends concerning Overture No. 142, on the donation of art objects to our educational institutions, that Synod herewith instruct the various local boards of our educational institutions to determine the disposition of art objects donated to the respective institution.

This recommendation was *adopted*.

Education of Woman Teachers. Higher Education of Girls.

(German Report, p. 129.)

Since peculiar conditions in our State [Nebraska] — mentioned in the memorial of the local board of our normal school at Seward — render necessary, for an indeterminate length of time, the employment of woman teachers in our Christian day-schools, the Joint School Board of the Northern and Southern Nebraska Districts herewith wish to endorse the request of said board that Synod approve the education of woman teachers for our Christian day-schools at one of our existing synodical institutions and permit it to continue to do so in the future.

In the name and by authority of the Joint School Board of Northern and Southern Nebraska,

H. J. EGGOLD. J. T. LINK. H. HILLMANN.
Seward, Nebr., March 27, 1926.

This matter was endorsed by an unprinted memorial of F. Meyer, School Inspector of the Michigan District. It is also touched upon in the first point of the following memorial: —

Higher Education of Girls,

Particularly of such as Wish to Serve in Our Day-Schools, to be Provided for by Synod.

WHEREAS, It is Synod's policy of long standing to educate the children of her churches in Christian day-schools; and

WHEREAS, Teachers in ever larger numbers must be provided for these schools; and

WHEREAS, There are within the bounds of Synod young ladies who, we believe, are willing to serve their Church by teaching in these schools and with proper training could do so very efficiently; and

WHEREAS, We believe that an educated Christian mother in a Christian home, under God, molds, as none other can, the future life of the child of to-day who is to be the man and the woman of the Church of to-morrow;

Therefore the undersigned herewith respectfully petition Synod to resolve: —

1) To make it Synod's policy to educate girls with a view to their becoming teachers in its Christian day-schools;

2) To go on record as favoring the general Christian education of girls in educational institutions maintained by Synod.

Very respectfully submitted,

THE SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE OF THE ENGLISH DISTRICT.

Per G. E. MENNEN.

C. O. SMITH.

Report of Committee 1.

WHEREAS, Within the lines which God Himself has drawn (1 Cor. 14, 34; 1 Tim. 2, 12) and with careful consideration of the true calling of the members of the female sex, female members of the Christian Church, according to God's Word, may properly be employed to do certain phases of church-work, including some departments of teaching;

WHEREAS, Furthermore, the history of the Church, during the greater part of its existence, as well as the experience of our own Synod, especially in the recent past, has proved that to employ women in the aforementioned way and to educate woman teachers for service in schools can be successfully carried on; we therefore

Recommend, That Synod approve the work which is now carried on, and the continuation thereof, under the restrictions now obtaining and therefore move that the present arrangement for the education of woman teachers existing at Seward, which is carried on without particular expense to Synod, be for the present retained without change, which means that the attendance of female pupils will not exceed 20 per cent. of the total enrolment; we furthermore

Recommend, That Synod permit also the institution in Edmonton to enroll girls in the same way for the purpose of educating them as teachers for our parish-schools, but that also in this case the number of female students must not exceed 20 per cent. of the total enrolment.

In this connection we would call attention to the fact that institutes for the education of woman teachers have been repeatedly conducted within our Synod. We recommend that Synod instruct the School Board to take cognizance of this matter and for the present serve by giving assistance and advice when requested.

This report, together with its recommendations, was *adopted*.

In the matter of providing a higher education for girls, Synod passed the following resolution: —

While Synod favors a Lutheran education for Lutheran girls in Lutheran schools, it does not at this time see its way clear for opening the doors of its colleges for the education of our girls.

A Department for Higher Education in the "School Journal."

(Overture 141. Abridged. — German Report, p. 133.)

In order to keep our educational institutions at the present point of efficiency, our professors must of necessity frequently be given an opportunity to exchange opinions with their colleagues of other institutions. The special Professors' Conference meets triennially. Owing

to the great distances to be covered, it is never possible for all professors to attend it. There is no periodical available in which common problems can be discussed and in which older professors can give advice from their experiences, and through the columns of which uniformity of work can be fostered. Since more frequent professors' conferences are hardly possible, owing to the great distances, since it is hardly feasible to publish a periodical especially for professors, and since a periodical serving a part of our educational system is already in existence, we recommend most urgently that a part of the present *School Journal* be placed at the disposal of the higher educational system of our Church and that a committee of college professors edit this department.

On recommendation of Committee 22 this request was referred to the Professors' Conference for further discussion and for the purpose of having it present recommendations on the matter to Synod at its next convention.

Institutional Appropriations Requested.

(German Report, p. 136.)

On the basis of former experience the following estimated amounts for repairs, equipment, and improvements will be needed:—

1. Repairs, April 30, 1926, to January 31, 1927 (estimated at \$3,980.50 a month) \$ 35,824.50
 2. Equipment and improvements, April 30, 1926, to January 31, 1927 (estimated at \$3,863.73 a month) \$ 34,773.57
(The above items complete this fiscal year.)
 3. Repairs, 1927—1929 (estimated at \$3,980.50 a month) \$143,298.00
 4. Equipment and improvements, 1927—1929 (estimated at \$3,863.73 a month) \$139,094.28
- Total \$352,990.35

Action.

Resolved to appropriate \$352,990.35 and to include this amount in our appropriation for the Building Fund.

II. ELEMENTARY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian Day Schools.

Report of the School Board.

(June, 1923, to June, 1926. Abridged. — German Report, p. 139.)

In presenting our report and recommendations for promoting our Christian day-school system, we are constrained to thank the Lord of the Church for again stretching out His protecting hand over our schools. Our schools have experienced a peaceful growth. A new zeal for Christian day-schools is manifesting itself at many places by increased attendance, the introduction of additional grades, the erection of new school-buildings, etc. The following table shows the external growth of our schools:—

	1920.	1921.	1922.	1923.	1924.
Teachers	1,053	1,062	1,138	1,166	1,208
Teaching Pastors	489	473	460	480	462
Lady Teachers	279	320	343	380	405
Students	133	103	77	79	93
<i>Total</i>	1,954	1,958	2,018	2,105	2,168
Pupils	73,063	73,191	76,317	78,610	79,328

However, we dare not cease our opposition to the enmity and hatred outside our circles and to the indifference and security within. On the contrary, we need to watch, pray, and work in order to keep and also strengthen our schools.

During the past three years your Board held regular monthly meetings and some extra meetings. The Executive Secretary and a stenographer were occupied every day with the work of the Board. In the last few months it became necessary to engage, in addition, two male assistants. The News Service was sent every month to all officials of Synod and of the Districts, to all District school boards, and to the editors of all periodicals. A watchful eye was kept on all trends threatening to hinder our schools. In various States bills were introduced in the legislative assemblies, which might have done great harm to our schools, had not the Lord graciously averted the danger. The School Board twice sent a committee to Washington to oppose the well-known Curtis-Reed Bill. Tracts on Christian education were edited and distributed by the thousands. It is a pity that these tracts are not distributed in more congregations, especially in such as do not sufficiently know and appreciate the Christian day-school. A Reference Catalog for Schools, designed to save our teachers labor in selecting books, was published. A general curriculum specifying the goals which must be observed in the various branches and grades of a Lutheran school is now in preparation. An appropriate series of Readers is practically ready for the market in the Baker and Baker

Series as revised by our Executive Secretary. A committee is now engaged in preparing a list of Supplementary Reading. A series of practical articles on school-teaching was begun, but could not be continued owing to other pressing business. In order to be of assistance to congregations which are contemplating the erection of new schools, the Board is planning to prepare pictures and plans of school-buildings.

The Executive Secretary has done diligent and faithful work. Besides his routine work he has written a number of articles on Christian education, visited a number of District synods and conferences, conferred with the school superintendents of various Districts, and attended the meetings of the Curriculum Committee. The new *Elementary Bible History* was prepared by him and Superintendent Kuehnert. He has also revised the Baker and Baker series of Readers.

At the four joint meetings with the General Sunday-school Board, essays on the following topics were read and discussed: "Cooperation of Sunday-school and Day-school"; "The Lutheran Child in the Public School"; "The Pedagogical Work Done at St. Louis and Springfield"; "Children of Other Denominations in Our Schools and Sunday-schools"; "The Underlying Reasons for the Opposition to the Sunday-school"; "Vacation Bible and Summer Schools"; "Jurisdiction in Regard to the Home Department"; "Supervised Home Study of Religion"; "The Import of the Joint Meetings and Their Influence on the Actions of Those Attending Them"; "The Choosing and Calling of Sunday-school Teachers"; "The Summer School."

The various recommendations of the School Board were summarized in the following report of Committee 5, which was *adopted*:—

"Your Committee is pleased to call your attention to the fact that the General School Board of Synod is able to point out in its report, on pages 102—108 of the *Eingaben*, Book of Memorials, that our Christian day-school system is progressing satisfactorily and that in all parts of Synod new zeal for the important work is noticeable, a state of affairs for which we owe to God deep gratitude, which ought to manifest itself not only in words, but also in deeds.

We should furthermore like to bring to your attention the manifold and important work of the General School Board, carried on by its faithful Executive Secretary.

"Note in the report the many meetings held; the work done in and for the different synodical Districts and with the General Sunday-school Board; the valuable monthly *News Service* as published in the *School Journal*; the attention given to bills presented in legislatures; the preparing and publishing of valuable tracts; the issuing of a special Reference Catalog; the revision of a series of Readers

for our schools; the work in connection with the preparation of a curriculum for our schools,—all of it work of very great importance and of exceedingly great benefit to the cause of the Christian training of our youth.

"The General School Board urges Synod to continue faithfully and emphatically to further Christian education of the youth by establishing and maintaining Christian day-schools, as this was recommended by Synod at its last meeting, Synod having adopted eleven resolutions bearing on this matter. (*Synodical Handbook*, pp.128.129.)

"In order that this may be ever better accomplished, your Committee proposes for adoption the following recommendations made by the General School Board:—

"1. That Synod express its sincere appreciation to the many pastors who, in addition to their other duties, have faithfully taught school for so many years, and that it encourage all pastors to continue to establish and teach such schools wherever possible.

"2. That congregations be urged to call a teacher for the school at the earliest possible moment, since in many cases it is hardly to be justified that both preaching and teaching be expected of one person for a long period and since such an arrangement, in many cases, may not serve the best interests of the congregation.

"3. That mission boards be encouraged to assist congregations financially in establishing and maintaining Christian day-schools and in calling teachers.

"4. That wherever Christian day-schools are found, the congregations, pastors, teachers, and officers of the congregations be encouraged zealously and faithfully, throughout the year, to endeavor to bring ever more children under the influence of the Christian training afforded by a Christian day-school.

"5. That constantly many pious and gifted boys be encouraged to enter our teachers' colleges in order that a sufficient number of teachers may at all times be available.

"6. That all professors in all our higher institutions of learning try to instil into their students a spirit of sacrifice and a spirit of love for the Christian day-school.

"7. That the congregations be encouraged to pay their teachers a salary sufficiently large to enable them to live without financial worries, to devote their entire time to the work of training the youth, and to continue their education by attending conferences and summer-school courses.

"8. That teachers be encouraged to continue to study privately and attend conferences, so that they will become ever more efficient in their work, especially also in the work of teaching religion and giving their pupils a Christian training.

"9. That Synod express its appreciation of the fact that teachers

are not resigning in alarming numbers, as was here and there erroneously assumed, and that it encourage them steadfastly and faithfully to continue in the performance of their work.

"10. We recommend that Synod express its sincere appreciation of the faithful work of the General School Board and its Executive Secretary.

"11. We recommend that for the present no assistant for the Executive Secretary be employed, that, however, the Board of Directors of Synod be encouraged, if necessary, to provide for temporary assistance.

"We respectfully wish to call the attention of Synod to the fact that mere adoption of above recommendations will be of no avail; they must be faithfully carried out."

The eleven resolutions pertaining to the Christian day-school passed at the previous convention were reaffirmed.

Sunday-Schools.

Report of General Sunday-School Board.

The General Sunday-school Board begs leave to make the following report covering the period beginning June 30, 1923, and ending June 1, 1926:—

1. The Board was organized as follows: Pastor P. Koenig, chairman; Superintendent Theo. Kuehnert, treasurer; Dr. P. E. Kretzmann, secretary.

2. Regular monthly meetings were held by your Board, and due attention was given to all the correspondence which came to our attention from the various sections of Synod.

3. Four joint meetings were held with the General School Board.

4. The status of Sunday-school work in our Synod at the present time is the following: a greater uniformity in striving for Lutheran principles; a more extensive use of our own synodical literature; a greater feeling of responsibility on the part of synodical Districts and individual congregations with regard to the Sunday-school work in all parts of Synod.

We deplore, at the same time, that a number of our congregations are still using Sunday-school literature which is not authorized or issued under the censorship of Synod. While we acknowledge the right of every congregation to use such literature in its own midst as may be desirable for the particular purposes it has in mind, we desire most respectfully to point out that private literature for Sunday-school purposes should not be spread into circles beyond the individual congregation.

5. With regard to the training of Sunday-school teachers, we desire to submit the following observations and recommendations.

a) It is manifestly impossible to have Sunday-school teaching on the basis of prepared material alone.

b) We should like to ask Synod to urge all pastors and congregations having Sunday-schools to have regular meetings for the Sunday-school teachers, *preferably weekly*, and that more attention be given to these meetings. Their object is to prepare for the coming lessons in order that no kind of false doctrine or error be promulgated by any teacher. In addition to such preparatory lessons we recommend the establishment of evening classes in larger centers of our Church, on the order of the present institutes now being successfully operated in a number of large cities. We recommend that these institutes be placed under some sort of supervision, preferably that of the conference or of the District in which they are situated.

c) For the sake of such teachers as have no opportunity to receive special training we have instituted a Correspondence Course, which has from the beginning been self-sustaining. It is our conviction that this course may be of great value in giving such fundamental training as will enable the Sunday-school teachers of our Synod to do their work with a greater degree of efficiency.

6. Finally, we desire to call Synod's attention to the great amount of work handled by the General Sunday-school Board, as may be seen from the following:—

a) The present editor of the material from the Primary to the Senior leaflets can devote only a small part of his time to this editorial work since he is employed by Concordia Publishing House. The editor of the *Junior Bible Student* and the *Sunday-school Teachers' Quarterly* performs this duty in addition to his work as teacher at the Seminary, an arrangement which in no sense of the word is satisfactory.

b) The correspondence of the Board is becoming more voluminous and should, as a matter of fact, grow still more in order to control the character of our Sunday-schools.

c) If the extension work established by the General Sunday-school Board is to serve the best interests of the kingdom of God, it requires much more attention on the part of some person fitted for the task.

In this connection we recommend that the General Sunday-school Board, outside of the secretary, be increased by one more, the entire number thereby becoming five members.

We should like to ask Synod to have the new members of the General Sunday-school Board begin their work on January 1, 1927.

Respectfully submitted,

THE GENERAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD,

by P. E. KRETZMANN, *Secretary*.

The following report of Committee 5 and its recommendations were *adopted*:—

"Your Committee calls attention to the conscientious and diligent work done during the past three years on the part of the members of the General Sunday-school Board. Their efforts were directed toward making our Sunday-schools function ever better in the direction of Christian training of our youth.

"1. We should like further to bring to your attention the fact that the Board reports that in ever larger circles of Synod earnest efforts are being made to conduct Sunday-schools in conformity with Lutheran principles. We propose that Synod express its appreciation of this and urge continued effort in that direction.

"2. The Sunday-school Board deplores the fact that some Sunday-schools do not make use of the literature provided by the Board through Concordia Publishing House. Your Committee recommends that Synod urge—

"a) That all Sunday-schools use Synod's Sunday-school Literature;

"b) That those who have suggestions to make for improving our Sunday-school literature be asked to present them to the proper board and not place their own materials on the market.

"3. Your Committee furthermore would like to stress a plea made by the Sunday-school Board, to wit, that Synod urge all congregations, pastors, and teachers to be mindful of their duty of *properly training and supervising* their Sunday-school teachers, as they are teachers of religion, so that the aim of the work of these teachers (Christian training of the youth) be ever better accomplished and false doctrine and error be not promulgated by any teacher.

"4. The members of the Sunday-school Board deserve the hearty thanks of Synod for the many duties faithfully performed.

"5. That the Sunday-school Board be *increased by the addition of two members*, so that it will consist of *five members*.

"6. That the new Board begin its work on January 1, 1927."

One Board for Elementary Education.

(Memorial 36. Abridged. — German Report, p. 149.)

We take the liberty of recommending to Synod that in future only one board be elected which is charged with the duty of watching and fostering elementary education. Following are our reasons:—

1. Christian day-schools, Sunday-schools, etc., have the same goal, to wit, to promote the elementary Christian education of the children. One goal naturally stipulates one board.

2. Synod has recognized this principle and has therefore one board for the promotion of higher education.

3. The various synodical Districts, too, have each one School Board.

4. Also the local congregation puts the education of the children in the hands of one person, one board: the pastor.

5. The present arrangement of two boards—

a) Is expensive, since members of the boards must travel quite a distance to attend meetings. Resolutions passed by this meeting are not binding since one board is independent of the other;

b) May easily become dangerous since differences of opinion cannot be harmonized, each board being sovereign;

c) Is not truly fruitful, since only uniform work can properly promote the entire matter.

For manifest reasons, members of such a board might well be composed of the President of Synod, the Secretary of the General School Board, a representative from each of the teachers' seminaries, and a number of pastors, teachers, and laymen, as Synod may see fit to determine.

In the name and by the authority of the Pastors' and Teachers' Conference of Proviso, Ill., assembled at Bellewood, Ill., April 23, 1926,
L. H. PHILLIPS, *Secretary*.

Report of Committee 5.

The matter to which this memorial pertains, is an important one, and your Committee has given it careful consideration. Since, however, the memorial was received too late to be printed and since therefore it could not be studied by the delegates, your Committee proposes that Synod resolve:—

1. That the different District synods and conferences be urged to give this matter careful attention during the next three years;

2. That the decision in the matter be postponed to the next session of Synod.

The report was *adopted*.

III. MISSIONS.

Home Missions in North America.

Report of the Board of Home Missions in North America.

"He that hath My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully." Thus spake the Lord by the mouth of the prophet Jeremiah, chap. 23, v. 28, commanding all men who have His Word to preach it faithfully, in truth and purity. This is also the business of our Synod; for God has graciously given it His pure Word and preserved it to the present day. Our fathers were fully aware of this glorious duty of our Synod.

Hence they put forth their best efforts in proclaiming God's pure Word especially in our own country, where they had founded their homes. The work of Home Missions in North America is the oldest

and, at the same time, the most important mission of our Synod. As each of the 28 Districts was organized, Synod said: "You have God's Word; it is your duty to preach it in truth, in purity, and in rich measure." Accordingly, each District began the work of Home Missions within its own territory and has always supported it according to its means. And in order to prevent any District from refraining to do this glorious work, either because it did not have the necessary means, or because it was small in numbers, our Synod elected a special Board for Home Missions in North America, whose duty it is to see to it that God's Word is preached faithfully and diligently and thus Home Mission work is carried on everywhere in our country.

It is now eighteen years ago since Synod called a special Board for Home Missions in North America. At first its work was small. Few Districts needed help, since few men were available for Home Mission work. Small, too, were the sums with which the needy Districts were subsidized. At the first distribution of money by the Board for Home Missions in North America only \$3,742 was available. In the first year the Board closed its books with a deficit of \$4,643.

Still it was God's will to have His Word preached properly. And as children of the heavenly Father the Christians of our Synod also desired to do His will. So God has given both to will and to do and time and again permitted us, in the course of time, to achieve glorious success. He has provided ever more men for mission-work. As time went on, He even gave us courage and strength to send men to new fields. He has filled the hearts of Christians with love for the work of missions, so that they were willing to contribute larger sums in order that the budget for the needy districts might be increased year by year.

Well we know that since a decrease of immigration has set in, the increase in the number of new congregations and preaching-stations is no longer so great. We also know that in our day the great majority of immigrants are infested with modern unbelief and therefore offer little usable material for our missions. In addition to this we are well aware that the devil, the world, and our flesh are showing increasing enmity to the pure preaching of the Gospel, and therefore Home Mission work is much more difficult than it was in former years. Still God's Word prospers and gains victory upon victory. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Alaska to Cuba and Porto Rico, aye, down into the heart of Mexico our Home Mission work extends. If space would permit, we could report of mission opportunities in almost all, even the most distant, parts of our country.

That such an extended mission activity requires many men and much money is apparent. But God has said to us Christians: "He that hath My Word, let him speak My Word faithfully." This re-

quires that we preach His Word not only in truth and purity, but also in the proper manner, faithfully employing the outward means which are available. This our Synod has done from the beginning, putting the Home Mission work in the hands of the individual Districts, which carried it on independently. Beyond question this is as it should be. According to the decision of Synod the duty of the Board for Home Missions in North America consists in meeting in annual session the District mission boards for the purpose of making the budget for these Districts to be supported, from time to time, according to the plan agreed upon, to distribute the moneys received, to collect and present statistics on our entire mission-work in North America, and in every other way possible to help the District boards. These duties we sought to discharge according to our best knowledge and ability. An annual mission conference was held with the brethren of the various Districts, in which the budget was fixed, other important matters pertaining to our Home Mission work in North America were discussed, and harmonious cooperation in all mission-fields was striven for. The Board met every month to disburse money to needy Districts and to transact important business. We have gathered statistics on Home Missions in our country and appended them to our report. During the past three years \$535 was necessary to carry on this work. Although larger demands were made upon us, we have endeavored not to exceed the budget appropriated by Synod. The fact that, like other missions, we have a crying deficit in our treasury is not our fault, but is due to the fact that the budget appropriated by Synod was not raised year by year. May the faithful God, who wills that not a single soul be lost, make us, who have His Word, more ready to preach it with zeal and earnestness!

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1923-1926.

DISTRICTS	1923	1924	1925	Totals
Alberta and Brit. Columbia	\$19,000.00	\$23,600.00	\$27,500.00	\$70,100.00
Atlantic	14,000.00	12,000.00	15,500.00	41,500.00
California and Nevada	7,600.00	13,400.00	19,000.00	40,000.00
Colorado	9,400.00	14,300.00	16,500.00	40,200.00
Eastern	3,900.00	3,500.00	5,000.00	12,400.00
English			4,000.00	4,000.00
Manitoba and Saskatchewan	15,700.00	20,500.00	17,500.00	53,700.00
North Dakota and Montana	16,500.00	20,000.00	14,500.00	51,000.00
Oklahoma		4,100.00	7,000.00	11,100.00
Ontario	375.00	875.00	2,125.00	3,375.00
Oregon and Washington	9,300.00	12,000.00	14,100.00	35,400.00
Southern	11,000.00	9,700.00	13,000.00	33,700.00
Texas (and Mexico Mission)	12,400.00	25,000.00	17,000.00	54,400.00
Cuba Mission	1,300.00	2,100.00	1,900.00	5,300.00
Miscellaneous	63.66	33.88	85.13	182.67
Totals	\$120,538.66	\$161,108.88	\$174,710.13	\$456,357.67

Statistics for 1923 and 1924.

Districts	Pastors	Students	Teachers	Stations	Souls	Communi- cants	Voting Members	District Schools	Pupils	Sunday- Schools	Pupils
1. Alberta-Brit. Columbia...	26	4	2	148	5,522	2,084	303	1	35		1,058
2. Atlantic	26	1	1	40	7,270	2,895	339				2,913
3. California and Nevada	36	13		58	3,673	1,549	389				1,186
4. Central	30	1	4	29	5,955	3,337	860		610		1,950
5. Central Illinois	18		1	29	2,326	1,174	308		92		486
6. Colorado	19		4	61	3,274	1,771	504	6	241		882
7. Eastern	22		4	43	3,393	1,539	492		12		1,124
8. English	37		4	37	6,708	3,065	726		187		3,086
9. Iowa	28		6	34	3,063	1,926	433		175		637
10. Kansas	27		8	38	2,355	1,593	450		291		631
11. Manitoba-Saskatchewan											
12. Michigan	30		4	62	5,281	3,142	769		753		1,300
13. Minnesota	49		10	147	8,796	3,438	1,018		310		2,195
14. Northern Illinois	23		5	34	4,265	1,675	535		656		966
15. North Dakota-Montana	58		4	111	3,742	1,814	545		158		825
16. Northern Nebraska	18		2	56	3,600	1,735	350		61		1,511
17. North Wisconsin	25		8	85	6,226	3,271	867		65		593
18. Oklahoma	15			45	1,642	903	229		63		251
19. Ontario	10		3	21	923	503	149		20		702
20. Oregon and Washington	22		3	59	3,238	1,453	307		141		925
21. Southern	15		1	37	1,800	1,045	212		83		459
22. South Dakota	16		1	47	2,681	1,582	344				
23. Southern Illinois	16		1	23	2,079	1,082	288				
24. Southern Nebraska											
25. South Wisconsin	19		7	37	3,344	1,958	556		187		720
26. Texas	40		3	86	4,109	2,318	587		376		1,929
27. Western	49		5		4,627	2,633	713		202		
Totals	679	18	35	1,367	99,792	49,520	1,512				

* Increase over 1924.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1925.

DISTRICTS	Receipts from Districts	Subsidy	Disburse- ments
Alberta and British Columbia ..	\$ 2,563.00	\$28,000.00	\$29,722.00
Atlantic	20,875.00	15,500.00	30,994.00
California and Nevada	12,552.00	20,000.00	32,372.00
Central	22,296.00	—	26,522.00
Central Illinois	12,531.00	—	9,343.00
Colorado	4,493.00	16,500.00	20,365.00
Eastern	32,654.00	3,500.00	31,486.00
English	29,875.00	4,000.00	37,509.00
Iowa	23,841.00	—	23,841.00
Kansas	25,890.00	—	22,496.00
Manitoba and Saskatchewan ..	—	—	—
Michigan	25,139.00	—	20,728.00
Minnesota	50,000.00	—	54,125.00
Northern Illinois	25,200.00	—	24,000.00
North Dakota and Montana ..	12,821.00	14,500.00	26,726.00
Northern Nebraska	22,684.00	—	22,684.00
Oklahoma	4,000.00	7,000.00	10,940.00
Ontario	2,987.00	5,622.00	7,349.00
Oregon and Washington	9,828.00	15,000.00	22,467.00
Southern	4,564.00	13,000.00	16,909.00
South Dakota	8,416.00	—	8,969.00
Southern Illinois	8,532.00	—	7,292.00
Southern Nebraska	—	—	—
South Wisconsin	—	—	—
Texas (and Mexico Mission) ..	21,348.00	19,000.00	41,561.00
Western	25,968.00	—	30,237.00
Totals	\$409,057.00	\$161,622.00	\$558,637.00

The last report shows for the last year, as for all previous years, a blessed progress in the number of souls, of communicant and voting members in all Districts of Synod. For this we praise and thank God. But let us also pray earnestly, "Help, Lord, in future as thou hast helped us in the past!"

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS IN NORTH AMERICA.

C. F. DIETZ, Sr., *Chairman.*FR. F. SELLE, *Secretary.*

The committee in charge of the report of the Board of Home Missions in North America read the following report, which was adopted:—

"The Board of Home Missions in North America, Rev. C. F. Dietz, Sr., chairman, asks for an annual appropriation of \$223,000, and your Committee recommends that this sum be granted.

Districts.

1. Alberta	\$ 30,000.00
2. Atlantic	18,000.00
3. California and Nevada	24,000.00
4. Colorado	18,000.00

5. Eastern	7,000.00
6. English (parish-schools)	4,000.00
7. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	25,000.00
8. North Dakota and Montana	20,000.00
9. Oklahoma	7,000.00
10. Ontario	3,000.00
11. Oregon and Washington	20,000.00
12. Southern (Cuba, Isle of Pines, Porto Rico) ..	18,200.00
13. Texas (also Mexico)	28,000.00
	\$222,200.00

Synod *adopted* this recommendation.

Report of General Home Missions Committee.

(Memorial No. 314 from the Northwestern Conference of the English District.)

"Believing that our Home Mission work is our most important work, — and it has been proved that we are not measuring up fully to our missionary opportunities; —

"Furthermore, believing that our work could be furthered by working toward a universal mission policy for all our Districts, which would make for greater efficiency and missionary aggressiveness, we propose the creation of a General Home Missions Committee (Committee on Evangelism), whose duties shall be: —

"a) To investigate and supervise complete missionary surveys of the mission-field, the gathering of reliable data, information, and statistics;

"b) To disseminate regularly the gathered information together with the proper inspirational material, preferably through suitable printed matter;

"c) To act in an advisory capacity toward the various District mission boards;

"d) To issue proper material for missionary work in the local congregation and offer suitable suggestions of aggressive congregational work;

"e) To keep the work of Home Missions before the general conventions of Synod as a topic of regular discussion by complete reports and recommendations.

"We recommend that this committee be elected by Synod."

By way of answer to the request for a General Home Missions Committee it was pointed out that a man had been added to the Fiscal Office for the very purpose of doing the things advocated in this memorial.

A memorial from the Minnesota District presented the following plan for carrying on mission-work with greater efficiency: —

1. Synod to create a board, consenting of seven members: chairman, secretary, two laymen, three directors of missions, one for each of the following groups of Districts: —

a) For the northwest group (following Districts: North Wisconsin, South Wisconsin, Minnesota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, North Dakota and Montana, South Dakota, Oregon and Washington: 8);

b) For the southwest group (following Districts: Iowa, Northern Nebraska, Southern Nebraska, Colorado, Oklahoma, California and Nevada, Kansas, Western, Texas: 9);

c) For the eastern group (following Districts: Southern, Central, Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, Southern Illinois, Michigan, Eastern, Atlantic, English, Ontario: 10).

(*This grouping is tentative.*)

2. The chairman, the secretary, and the laymen are to be chosen as hitherto and live close together, so they can meet without much expense.

3. The three directors of missions are to be elected and called according to the regulations of Synod governing the election of professors; *i. e.*, congregations and the District mission boards (the latter only for their group) nominate candidates and representatives of District mission boards for the Electoral College, each for its group.

4. Each director of missions must devote his entire time to his work and must therefore not be pastor of a congregation.

5. Each director of missions must reside within his group and be an *ex-officio* member of the District mission boards of his group. Synod requests the Districts to make this arrangement.

6. Together with the District mission boards, each director of missions shall see to it —

a) That by means of pertinent articles in our publications and by means of appropriate pamphlets, etc., the pastors be assisted in keeping up, and stimulating, in our congregations interest for the chief work of our Synod;

b) That mission-work be energetically carried on in his Districts, that diligent and systematic search be made for new fields, and that all untouched sections be carefully explored;

c) That, if possible, congregations and preaching-stations be founded especially in larger cities, since two-fifths of the inhabitants of our country reside there;

d) That in no District mission-work be permitted to lag because of lack of funds and that therefore, if possible, all Christians actually take part in raising the necessary funds;

e) That in general a uniform and systematic cooperation of all Districts obtain.

7. Since the directors of missions have each a seat and a voice in the General Mission Board, the responsibility rests upon them of furnishing it with exact information. It shall be the duty of the

General Board, on the basis of such information, to see to it that all men and means are systematically employed as is most profitable for the Church.

8. Synod salaries the directors of missions from the General Home Mission Treasury.

9. Synod may fix a maximum salary and then refer the regulation of individual salaries to the chairman, the secretary, and the two laymen of the General Mission Board.

It is our conviction that in this way contacts will be established, making possible more concerted, uniform, and systematic cooperation of all Districts in all directions.

Report of Committee 7.

"In this brief the necessity of concerted and well-directed action by all Districts in matters of our Home Missions was stressed. To gain the goal, the brethren propose the creating of a board, consisting of seven members, of whom three are to be salaried directors of missions, each supervising the Home Mission activities of a group of Districts and aiming at general uniformity and, hence, greater efficiency.

"These few words do not do justice to the proposition in its details. However, its adoption by Synod would entail such incisive alterations in our present system of conducting Home Missions that your Committee feels the whole plan should be fully discussed at conferences and District synods and then submitted, possibly with amendments, to the next Delegate Synod for discussion and action."

The committee's recommendation was *adopted*.

Home Missions in Europe.

Report of the Board.

(Abridged. — German Report, p. 165.)

The members of the Board elected in Fort Wayne were Rev. W. Koepchen, Rev. Aug. Koerber, Mr. Geo. Overbeck, Rev. Geo. Koenig, and Dr. F. C. Haeckel. Since the last two did not accept the office, Rev. Theo. Kuehn and Mr. F. Baumann, the latter formerly a member of the Free Church of Germany, were elected in their places. Upon the illness and the resignation of Rev. Koepchen, in the summer of 1924, Rev. E. Holls became a member of the Board.

The Board worked hand in hand with the Lutheran Board for Relief in Europe. Joint meetings were held when Mr. Seuel, Dr. Mezger, Dr. Heylandt, and Dr. Koch reported on the conditions in the Free Church.

Dr. Mezger began his work in Zehlendorf in the fall of 1923. He is a member of all important boards and committees of the Free Church. At the expiration of the year the faculty and the board of

St. Louis permitted him to remain another year. The brethren now request that Dr. Mezger be definitely dismissed to them, but that as representative of the Missouri Synod he remain on the salary list, and eventually on the pension list, of the Missouri Synod. Our Board recommends this.

Lack of means prevented our sending an additional representative to Europe. The sums appropriated served only to meet the most crying needs of the Free Church.

In 1923 practically all congregations received subsidies from the Synodical Treasury; April, 1925, only 10 of 38 congregations were self-supporting. Money was lacking for the erection of necessary churches and parsonages.

The Board sought to awaken interest for the mission-work in Europe with the help of the Board of Publicity and by means of illustrated lectures. 19 sets of slides are circulating, and 70 lectures were delivered. Dr. Mezger attended various District conventions. In 1925 Dr. Koch delivered many lectures in congregations; occasional articles appeared in our papers.

The Free Church Aid Society no longer supports the Seminary of Zehlendorf. Accordingly, Synod has paid \$4,000 for professors' salaries since January, 1925.

The Board, during 1923, expended \$20,864.16; in 1924, \$33,863.37; in 1925, \$44,249.05. The Free Church hopes to raise \$77,000 annually itself and requests a subsidy (including Zehlendorf) of \$85,000. The sum exceeds that of the preceding years because it includes work in important mission-fields, salaries, and rent for 68 pastors as compared with 44 in 1924-25.

Money required for urgent building needs amounts to \$480,000; for pressing cases, \$90,000; for desired instances, \$85,000. Later on it was reported that a beautiful church could be bought in Dresden for \$60,000, worth three times as much. It has been repeatedly emphasized that our Free Church congregations should get out of their prayer-rooms. The congregations, however, which are unable to defray their own running expenses, cannot possibly raise the moneys needed for buildings.

The congregation at Planitz, which is building a new school, comes with a special petition for assistance. This is the only parish-school in the Free Church. Three teachers instruct 111 children; 20 new pupils announced at Easter. The congregation has 20,000 marks, but 100,000 are necessary to erect a modest school-building which meets the requirements of the state. The old building is too small, and it is so dilapidated that it may be closed by the state at any time. The Board cordially endorses the request of the congregation.

The mission in Denmark is gradually decreasing. The last report shows 215 souls, 156 communicants, located in 21 places and served at 9 preaching-stations. The number of missionaries in Alsace has been reduced to three. There is little hope of increase.

The 49 congregations of the Free Church, served by 44 pastors, total 11,469 souls, 7,855 communicants. Three congregations number about 600 communicants; eight, 200 to 300; twenty-two, 200 to 300; sixteen, below 100. Contributions for home purposes, 185,204 marks (34 marks per member); for Synodical Treasury, Home Missions, Church Extension Fund, Foreign Missions, Zehlendorf, etc., 39,368 marks (6.38 marks per member). Subsidies granted for pastors' salaries, 70,000 marks. Ten congregations are self-supporting; one, 93 per cent. self-supporting; two, 70 per cent.; four, 60 per cent. or more; eight, 50 to 60 per cent.; sixteen, below this mark. Most of the congregations are old. The Free Church is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary this year.

At the close of 1925 Alsace numbered 4 parishes, covering 13 localities; 507 souls; 387 communicants. Contributions for home purposes, 19,604 francs; for missions, 14,231 francs.

In a separate memorial the Central Illinois District petitioned Synod to help the Free Church as speedily as possible in its great mission duty and its dire need for church-buildings.

In discussing the Free Church matter, a cablegram from Mr. Theo. Lamprecht was read, in which Synod was earnestly requested to support the work of the Free Church, especially in its new parish of Bochum-Hamme, and to appropriate \$25,000 for this purpose. Dr. L. Fuerbringer also gave a vivid account of the great religious movement which is taking place at Bochum-Hamme, where 8,000 members severed their connections with the state church because of its liberal preaching, petitioning the Free Church to send them a pastor, which request was granted them. These people are ready to do everything which God's Word commands in order to found Free Church congregations. They manifest a real "famine of hearing the words of the Lord," an eager desire for the unadulterated Gospel. The movement is spreading to adjoining places. At present they need three pastors, who must be supported from America. The newly organized Redeemer Congregation of Bochum-Hamme cabled its greetings to Synod.

Action.

Resolved:—

1. To adopt the proposal of the Board, *viz.*, that the Rev. G. Mezger, D. D., be definitely released to the Free Church in Europe for the seminary at Zehlendorf; that, however, he be kept on the salary- and eventually on the pension-list of our Synod as its representative, and that § 6 of the respective resolutions of the Fort Wayne Convention (1923, p. 105), stating that upon the return of

Dr. Mezger to this country some other member of the St. Louis faculty be sent across, be rescinded.

2. To instruct the Board of Directors to determine the treasury from which Dr. Mezger's salary is to be paid.

3. In view of the fact that Dr. Mezger's connection with the St. Louis faculty is by this action terminated, to extend to him Synod's thanks for his faithful services and to wish him God's blessing in his work.

4. To appropriate \$25,000 for the mission-work in Bochum-Hamme and to notify the brethren of this action at once.

5. Although the brethren in Germany had asked Synod to subsidize their Synodical Treasury to the amount of \$85,000 and though Synod felt that because of the great opportunities offering in the industrial centers of Germany and the peculiar situation of our brethren in Germany this sum ought to be granted, it nevertheless, in the face of the needs of our own field or fields, did not see its way clear to grant the aid and therefore *resolved* to appropriate \$55,000 annually as subsidy to the budget of the Free Church in Europe and \$3,500 for the work in Alsace.

6. The request of the German brethren for aid in the erection of schools and chapels was referred to the Church Extension Board with instructions to determine the amount to be loaned to the brethren in Germany.

Finland.

Report of the Board. Condensed.

(German Report, p. 170.)

We present also a memorial from the brethren in Finland, who ask for official recognition by our Synod. Four pastors who were members of the Finnish state church withdrew from it for conscience' sake and organized their own small synod, which as to doctrine and practise fully agrees with our Synod. The organizing of this synod was, and maintaining it is, attended with great difficulties. The Lord, however, gave our brethren strength and courage to overcome all obstacles. Through Dr. Dau they conduct a lively correspondence with our Missouri Synod as well as with our brethren of the Free Church in Germany and Denmark. At the time of the organization of their synod a paper, called *Paimen*, was at their disposal. But since other stock owners of the paper would not withdraw from the state church, our brethren had to relinquish it. They have now started their own paper, *Luterilainen*, "The Lutheran." Our *Lutheraner* has repeatedly reported on the work of these brethren and on conditions in Finland. The brethren are well deserving of our help during the oppression which they are suffering, also in a financial way. In our opinion negotiations with this body ought to be conducted by our Board for Home Missions in Europe.

The following recommendations were adopted by Synod:—

Since several pastors of Finland have declared and proved themselves our brethren in the faith and are asking Synod to support their mission-work there, we recommend that this petition be granted and that this small Lutheran synod in Finland, which in doctrine and practise is in perfect harmony with us, be given the desired sum of \$4,500. We also recommend that further correspondence and fraternal relations with this body be continued by our Board for Home Missions in Europe, as proposed by the Committee on Finnish Affairs.

Home Missions in South America.

Report of the Board. Condensed.

(German Report, p. 171.)

The Board for Missions in South America experienced several changes during the past three years. The vacancy made by the resignation of the treasurer, Mr. F. Buszin, was filled by the appointment of Mr. Otto C. Wieting. When Rev. L. Schmidtke left to visit the field in South America, Rev. F. G. Miessler accepted the office of recording secretary. Later, owing to his health, Rev. August Burgdorf was compelled to resign the office of corresponding secretary. Rev. Miessler then declared himself ready to discharge these duties after Rev. Schmidtke had resumed his duties as recording secretary. The following report was compiled by Rev. Burgdorf, to whom Synod is much obligated.

Report of Rev. August Burgdorf.

Last year the Brazil District celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of mission-work conducted by our Synod in South America. On the occasion of this joyful event and as a proof of their gratitude for the blessings of God which have rested on it, a jubilee tract, entitled *Fuenfundzwanzig Jahre unter dem Suedlichen Kreuze* ("Twenty-five Years under the Southern Cross") was published by our brethren. No representative of Synod was able to attend the chief celebration during the meeting of the District. Later on Pastor L. Schmidtke, however, visited the greater part of the field and attended the different conferences.

Under the blessing of God the mission-work has recently assumed such proportions as to cause the shortage of laborers to be felt very keenly. Divisions have occurred in a few places. Occasionally a station which had requested help from us had to be relinquished again because the people refused to submit to God's Word. At other places, again, the work has grown much more. The success attending the preaching of the Word is noticeable in varying degrees. The Board has also occasionally sent letters to all mission-congregations for the purpose of strengthening them and the missionaries.

BRAZIL.

In Brazil, where the greater part of the populace can neither read nor write, schools do not flourish. This applies also to the primeval forest colonies where the spiritually neglected Germans live, some of whom have but a meager knowledge of the Word of God. These colonies are our chief mission-field. The Serra region, in the State of Rio Grande do Sul, is dotted with mission-congregations and preaching-stations. Another group of mission-stations is located in the State of Santa Catharina, about Cruz Machado, and in the south-east corner of the State of Parana. 49 missionaries, 8 teachers, 39 assistant teachers, 2 of whom are women, minister to 18,542* souls, young and old, among whom there are 2,553 voting and 9,335 communicant members at 164 different places. As far as strength permits, work is done also among the Luso-Brazilians and Negroes who live in gross ignorance, defiant unbelief, or torturing doubt. This branch of the work is included in the figures given above.

With the help of a loan from the Church Extension Fund, which the congregations are gradually repaying, a neat chapel has been erected in Porto Alegre. The congregation is showing a slow, but steady growth.

The book business formerly conducted by the District has been turned over to a stock company. . . .

Our brethren in Brazil desired to begin another educational institution in the colony Guarany. Although this zeal is commendable, your Board nevertheless believes that at the present time no additional institution should be founded in Brazil, but that the seminary in Porto Alegre should be fostered with all care. Still, we would request Synod to express its opinion on this matter.

One of the memorials advocates division of the District. Since Brazil and Argentina are inhabited by two entirely different kinds of people, with different languages, manners, and views; since, furthermore, great distances must be covered in traveling from one country to the other, which is attended with difficulties (passport, etc.), so that the members of the one country have almost as much trouble attending a meeting in the other country as they have in attending the Delegate Synod, your Board warmly and earnestly advocates a separation of Brazil and Argentina.

ARGENTINA.

In Argentina, where cultural and economic conditions are better than in Brazil, gross spiritual darkness prevails in general. Although difficult, the work among the German immigrants from Russia is encouraging and arouses hopes for a constantly increasing and con-

* Reports are incomplete.

professionally faithful Lutheranism. At various places our schools experienced some trouble; still, the Lord graciously frustrated the intentions of the enemies. In the past years a large number of congregations has erected churches, chapels, and parsonages conforming to the prevailing conditions. Two congregations are self-supporting; some others are on the highway toward independence. 15 missionaries, 17 assistants in schools, among them 2 ladies, minister to 6,569 souls, 927 voting and 3,193 communicant members. As we have ability and opportunity, the Word of God is proclaimed also in Spanish.

In Buenos Aires, a city of two million people on the La Plata River, we have not yet an appropriate church home. Much deliberation was devoted to this problem. Although our missionary there has already moved four or five times, he has not found a suitable place in which to conduct services. A chapel is a crying need. Property and building, however, are high, and so is rent. It is impossible to secure a site and erect a chapel and parsonage on it for less than \$20,000. Trusting in God's help, we approved a plan of our brethren to this effect. We are certain that the good brethren assembled here will surely speak a good word in their respective congregations for an extra gift to be devoted to this purpose.

The brethren in Argentina desired to have an educational institution in their midst. For the reasons mentioned in favor of dividing the District your Board was prepared earnestly to advocate a preparatory school at this convention. But the brethren considered it necessary to proceed with their plans. In Crespo, Entre Rios, they have purchased a piece of property, erected a building, and called a professor, planning to open the school in March. They have requested subsidies for the salaries of the professors.

During the past three years the following subsidies were granted:

BRAZIL.		
	Subsidy.	Own Contributions.
1923	\$41,275.99	\$ 8,551.14
1924	\$38,073.37	\$ 9,893.375
1925	\$39,550.00	\$13,638.00
ARGENTINA.		
	Subsidy.	Own Contributions.
1923	\$11,008.57	\$ 6,458.11
1924	\$12,527.28	\$10,505.60
1925	\$13,459.28	\$ 7,840.00

Report of the Committee.

Brazil.

As to Brazil we recommend:—

1. That Synod give a hearty vote of thanks to Pastor Aug. Burgdorf for faithful services rendered Synod as a member of the Board for Home Missions in South America and in behalf of the work in this field;

2. That Synod ask the Board for Home Missions in South America to continue sending letters of encouragement both to the congregations and to our missionaries there;

3. That Synod express its appreciation of the fact that, by the grace of God, great results have been achieved by our missionaries in spite of great difficulties encountered, but also voice its regret at the apparent neglectfulness of some missionaries in sending their reports, and that it ask them to report promptly and fully;

4. That Synod ask the congregations in Brazil to do their utmost towards giving their children the best possible Christian training, to furnish the funds required therefor, and to ask for a subsidy only in cases of real necessity;

5. That Synod gratefully acknowledge the action of the stock company which took charge of the Publishing House in Porto Alegre and, upon redemption of the bonds issued, will turn it over again to the Brazil District;

6. That Synod adopt the recommendation of the Board for Home Missions in South America with regard to the opening of a preparatory school in Guarany, viz.: "That no new school of this kind should be started at this time, but that the seminary at Porto Alegre should be fostered with all possible care," especially because the Brazil Pastoral Conference is of the same opinion, and because, according to synodical regulations, no institution should be started except by resolution and order of Synod.

Argentina.

As to Argentina we recommend:—

1. That Synod express its joy at the blessed progress of the work in Argentina, and particularly at the fact that several congregations have become self-sustaining;

2. That Synod ratify the action of the Board with respect to the acquisition of property and the building of a chapel in Buenos Aires and authorize that Board to obtain the money necessary either by a loan from the Church Extension Fund or by soliciting special contributions.

3. That, whereas the Board stood ready at this convention of Synod to sponsor the opening of a preparatory school in Argentina, and because of the importance of having such a school there, Synod ratify the action of the brethren in Argentina, not, however, omitting to say that their zeal would be even more gratifying to Synod if they had not disregarded the advice of the Board and the Board of Directors in opening the school without an express resolution of Synod;

4. That Synod empower the Board of Directors to grant subsidies, as they may find it necessary, towards the salaries of professors at the new institution.

*General Resolutions.**We recommend:—*

1. That visitations of the South American field should hereafter be arranged for jointly by the proper Board, the Board of Directors, and the President of Synod;

2. That Synod commend the Board for not having increased the debt in the fund for mission-work in South America during the past triennium, the current needs of which were supplied by our Christian people, but that it also state with regret that the Board is laboring under the burden of that old debt.

3. Complying with the wish of the Board, your Committee has examined the list of salaries and is convinced that the Board has acted conscientiously and faithfully in providing maintenance for the missionaries; and we therefore recommend to Synod to encourage the Board to continue paying salaries in keeping with South American conditions, always, however, aiming at the eventual self-sustenance of those Districts.

4. With reference to the request of the brethren in Brazil to have some pastor who has labored in the South American field elected to membership in the Board (Overture 55), we believe that Synod's hands should not be tied in this matter, because it is the duty of Synod's Nomination Committee to propose the names of the most suitable men for all boards.

5. Regarding the request made by the missionaries in Overture 56, to wit, that they be given assistance in establishing a school of the intermediary grades for their children, particularly their daughters, we recommend that Synod ask the Board to see how such assistance may be given.

6. On Overture 17, dated May 18, 1925, we beg leave to report as follows: As this overture is of such a nature that a large majority of the pastors of the Brazilian District have since after due deliberation withdrawn their consent, we recommend that this overture be referred back to the District.

7. As to a letter signed by four pastors of the Brazil District and addressed to the College of Presidents, we recommend that this be referred to the Board for Home Missions in South America for reply.

8. The decision with regard to extraordinary cases of furloughs for missionaries' families and their traveling expenses, we recommend to leave to the Board's good judgment.

9. In view of the many opportunities for extending the Kingdom in South America, we recommend that Synod instruct the Board to start the work wherever possible.

10. It is with regret that we mention the fact that letters and overtures came to our hands without having first been presented to

the boards, either to that of the District or to that of Synod; and we ask Synod to remind our missionaries that if they have any matter to bring up, the respective board or boards should at least be notified.

The recommendations of the committee were *adopted*.

Foreign Missions.**Report of the Board.**

(German Report, p. 177.)

During the past three years our work in India and China experienced many blessings of our gracious God. The respective governments in no wise placed any obstacles in the way of our missionaries in the discharge of their calling. Nor have war and rebellion hindered their work. Although the cry of war resounded through China, our missionaries have not thereby been seriously hindered. With thanks to God we can report that our missionaries are always laboring faithfully, diligently, and zealously in the vineyard of their Savior. The following statistics show the status of our work in India:—

Workers: 21 missionaries, 1 teacher, 1 female mission helper for zenana work, 3 nurses. *Native workers:* 2 pastors, 44 catechetes, 169 teachers of both sexes (of these 49 are heathen, who instruct in secular branches), 8 Bible women, 1 physician, 1 male nurse, 1 female nurse.

Souls: 6,589; baptized, 3,671; communicant members, 891; catechumens, 2,740.

Schools: 76; pupils, 3,220. Boarding-schools, 6; pupils, 342.

Higher Schools: Seminary at Nagercoil: 12 students. School for evangelists, 8 students. School for catechetes at Trivandrum, 14 students. Institute for teachers at Nagercoil, 24 students. Classes for Bible women, 5 students.

Sunday-schools: 3; pupils, 147; teachers, 6.

Property. The Mission owns 15 residences for missionaries and 4 residences in the mountain home, 21 chapels, 35 schools, 29 pandels (pavilions); 1 hospital, 53 residences for native workers, and 155 acres of land. A number of residences (not included above) had to be rented. The school connected with the mountain home is attended by 13 children of our missionaries.

The reports of our missionaries in China show the following figures:—

Workers: 13 missionaries, 2 woman teachers, 2 nurses. *Native workers:* 7 student assistants, 32 teachers, 2 Bible women. *Stations,* 6. *Chapels,* 12.

Souls: 477; communicants, 309; voting members, 164; catechumens, 285.

Seminary in Hankow, 9 students. Schools, 13; pupils, 629. Sunday-schools, 4. Reading-rooms, 9.

The Mission owns some property in Hankow, Ichang, Shasi, Shihnan, and Kuling.

Unfortunately we were not able, during the past three years, to send out as many men as in the previous term. Four missionaries and one woman teacher joined the forces in India; one missionary, two nurses, and one woman teacher in China. A number of the calls issued were not accepted, in most cases for really valid reasons. A pity that we also suffered heavy losses in workers. Two efficient missionaries left India and two also left China, in most cases for reasons of health.

Our missionaries are devoting much time not only to the direct preaching of the Gospel, but also to the education of native pastors and teachers. India and China each have a small preachers' seminary now, which with God's help can become a source of great blessing for both these countries. In China the first class, according to present indications, will enter office this year.

In both of the heathen countries the territory in which we work was extended, and new stations were begun. The budget provided \$12,000 annually for the purchase of land and for building. This sum was augmented by moneys privately collected. Immensely more could have been done if workers had been available. Remarkable mission opportunities beckon us; wide doors are open to us; we are being called into new fields. Our missionaries constantly beg us to send more laborers. We would like to ask all members of our Synod to heed this call. God grant that we shall be able to send a large number of young warriors for Christ to India and China this year. In the course of time it has become increasingly evident that, owing to the peculiar Oriental conditions and the difficulties attending missions, our male and female mission-workers ought to be more specifically trained for the work they are called to do than formerly. Concerning this point we shall make some proposals at the close of this memorial.

Besides shortage of laborers we have had to complain also of the financial straits of the treasury during the past years. Since the last convention our deficit has almost reached the sum of \$100,000. That such a debt has a depressing effect upon the missionaries and the board and that they are discouraged from extending the field still more goes without saying. We have gained a young doctor for our medical mission, who, God willing, will enter our service next year. In China a Lutheran doctor was enrolled, who has now returned to his home in Germany. In India a non-Lutheran now serves as head physician of our hospital. A candidate for the ministry is at present preparing himself for the high calling of a mission doctor. The

expenses of his education are borne by some generous friends of our Mission.

At the previous convention, Synod learned that a number of Lutherans of India, formerly members of the Leipzig Mission, who had been turned over to the care of the Swedish state church in view of the disturbances incident to the war, had for reasons of conscience desired to separate from the Swedes because they are no longer faithful Lutherans. These people carried out their plan and then applied to us for service. Doctrinal discussions showed that they are one in faith with us. Although our action was misconstrued abroad, we could do nothing but help these fellow-Christians. At five stations one of our missionaries and the native Pastor Samuel preach to these brethren, who are calling themselves the South India Evangelical Lutheran Church. They number 206 souls, of whom 119 are communicant members.

We can also report that the office of Director of Missions has again proved to be of great value to the cause of our Foreign Missions. The work of our Synod in heathen countries is so many-sided and of so ramifying a nature that it must be conducted by a man who is employed by the Board and devotes his entire time to this work. We can again report that the Walther League has rendered signal services to our missions by collecting money and publishing inspiring articles in its publications. We owe the Walther League and our worthy ladies' aids, as well as many private persons, thanks for supporting our mountain homes in India and China, our hospital in India, and the poor orphans and pupils who depend on our gifts of charity. It is especially worthy of grateful mention that two Christians of our Synod are each supporting a missionary to the heathen. With thanks we also record that donations for our Foreign Missions have been received from the other faithful Lutheran synods of our country as well as from our brethren in the faith in Germany and Australia.

Dr. L. Fuerbringer and President R. Kretzschmar, who faithfully served the cause of our Foreign Missions as members of the Board for many years, were elected honorary members of the Board and were requested to advise the Board in deciding difficult questions. We believe that in this matter we acted in the sense of Synod. . . .

It is evident that we must give strong support to our Foreign Missions if they are to flourish. We must supply our missionaries with residences suitable for the climate in which they live. Property must be purchased; schools, chapels, and seminary buildings must be erected. According to estimates made by our missionaries, we ought to have about \$300,000 in order to equip our stations with reasonably adequate facilities. Two-thirds of this sum go to China, one-third to India. China needs more; for up to the present we own very little real estate in China and are compelled to carry on our work in

rented buildings, which annually requires a large sum; and at that these buildings are not adequate. Since we have no Church Extension Fund for our Foreign Mission work, we would request that the first \$300,000 raised in this collection be designated for Foreign Missions and be placed at the disposal of the Foreign Mission Board. At this point we wish to present a letter which our missionaries have addressed to Synod and in which they warmly express this request:—

"The members of the General Conference of your India Mission, assembled in biennial conference in Krishnagiri, August 19—29, 1925, send hearty greetings to the Delegate Synod assembling in St. Louis. We pray that God's choicest blessings may rest upon your deliberations. It is one of the real regrets of your foreign missionaries that they very seldom have the opportunity of participating in the inspiring conventions of Delegate and District Synods.

"May we be permitted, first of all, to offer our hearty thanks for the interest and the solicitude which Synod has at all times exhibited toward our work in India. The work is your work, the duty to perform which has been imposed upon you by the Lord God. And the work at all times does demand and deserve your vigilant attention and regard.

"In order to help ensure a still greater measure of attention, may we point out to the Hon. Delegate Synod that the work of your India Mission has grown at an enormous rate, wherefore also its requirements have increased in proportion. We are in need of money, of buildings, above all of a constantly larger number of missionaries. Our work is extending in all directions; its limits are the limits imposed by our lacks. Doors are open to us everywhere; only the insufficient number of men prevents us from entering these doors. The missionary finds no pleasure in denying, as he must by the compulsion of circumstances, the Christian Gospel to many who ask for instruction and reception. Some missionaries are living in inadequate rented quarters injurious to their health; many important buildings required for the extension of educational facilities used in direct connection with our religious work must be erected. All this requires money in increasing amounts. We regret that we cannot begin enumerating all our needs; the space at our command will not permit it.

"May we beg Synod, then, to do all in its power to supply the missionaries so necessary for our work, to take steps that adequate funds be provided, so that no lack of funds at least will stop our progress. We dare to believe that no other synodical mission is in greater need of energetic help. And may we especially ask that the whole Church pray for us, that the kingdom of Satan may suffer greater and greater losses and the coming of the kingdom of God be hastened. (Signed:) R. W. Goerss, Secretary to General Conference."

Finally we should like to present to Synod the question whether the time has not come for Synod to decide that the missions in heathen countries should be visited every three years, just as the missions in South America. Our missionaries in China ask that Synod order a representative of the Board to visit the field fairly often.

We summarize our petitions and recommendations as follows:—

1. That Synod thank all sister synods, congregations, societies, and individuals who have supported our Foreign Missions and at the same time ask these friends and patrons to continue showing such love for the heathen.

2. That Synod resolve to liquidate in the near future the large debt in the treasury for Foreign Missions.

3. Your Committee had an itemized list of the needs in our Foreign Missions. According to this list not only \$300,000, but \$343,300 was requested for land and buildings. Your Committee, after due consideration, convinced itself that the sum asked for is the necessary minimum allowance, and it *therefore recommends for the next three years an appropriation of \$343,300 for lands and buildings in our Foreign Missions.*

4. That Synod also at this convention encourage all conferences, congregations, pastors, and teachers to acquaint our Christians with the cause of Foreign Missions, so that interest and enthusiasm may be awakened for this work of the Lord.

5. That Synod commission the Foreign Mission Board in conjunction with the Board of Directors and the faculty of the St. Louis Seminary to make necessary provisions for a more specific preliminary training of all foreign missionaries.

6. Resolved to recommend that the Board of Foreign Missions be authorized to send a member of the Board or a representative to the Foreign Mission field once in each triennium.

7. In regard to the overture of the California and Nevada District to establish missions among the Asiatics on the Pacific Coast, your Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Board of Foreign Missions, and that the Board, together with the officials of the California and Nevada District, outline a plan of action during the next triennium and present such a plan to Synod at its next convention.

All recommendations of the committee were *adopted*.

By resolution of Synod, Director of Foreign Missions F. Brand gave a brief survey of our Foreign Mission fields, and Missionary F. Zucker, of India, brought the following message from the missionaries in India:—

Message from India.

REVEREND FATHERS AND BELOVED BRETHREN:—

We, your far-distant missionaries in the district in and around the capital city of Trivandrum, in the state of Travancore, South India, crave a few moments of your valuable time to lay before you for your prayerful consideration the heartening opportunity of converting many thousands of blind, misled heathen to our gracious Savior, a door wide open now as never before in our memory, before which we stand almost helpless and all but unable to enter because of the lack of the necessary number of Gospel-heralds.

You know in a general way from newspaper reports that the people of India, for many centuries, either weakened by poverty or absorbed in abstruse meditation, have now begun to stir. An industrial awakening is changing the face of the country; education has extended to many thousands, who are making use of it in its higher branches; and politically there is a wide-spread and insistent demand for independence and self-government. And particularly in the native kingdom of Travancore most striking changes are evident. Not long ago Travancore was called by a Hindu leader "India's Insane Asylum" on account of its extreme caste customs, such as "distance pollution." But now the Hindu population is steadily declining from census to census, while the Christian population is increasing. People of many different castes are turning away from Hinduism and are open to Christian teaching. Our brethren in the other two fields, convinced of the greatness of our opportunity, have sent us one of their missionaries to help us. But the forces in the field are still far too small.

There was a time in our mission history when for many years we prayed for our first convert, and later we sighed for many years because we had so few converts to instruct. But now the tables are turned; we cannot give even the most meager instruction to all who apply; and many more are coming. We are working day and night; we have trained catechists and teachers, and every available man is pressed into service. The young native Church is responding as well as can be expected to this demand on its help.

Recognizing God's answer to our earnest prayers in this unheard-of opportunity, dare we refuse men and means for the Christianization of these thousands? We confidently appeal to you for more men to preach the Gospel where people are asking for it; for more money, so that young men willing to go may not be refused permission; for more prayer, so that our weak work may receive the divine blessing, without which we can do nothing.

In the name and by resolution of

THE TRIVANDRUM DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

(Signed.) A. C. FRITZ, *Chairman.*

(Signed.) G. OBERHEU, *Secretary.*

Regular Visitation of Our Foreign Mission Field.

The missionaries of the China Mission Conference respectfully appeal to the Delegate Synod to authorize the Board of Foreign Missions to send a member of the Board or some pastor or professor to our China Mission field once a year, or at least every other year.

The purpose of such a visit by a learned and experienced man from the homeland would be chiefly to give us the benefit of a doctrinal paper for discussion at the annual meeting of our conference or of a series of lectures on some important topic. The brethren in the ministry at home feel the need of having eminent pastors and theologians prepare doctrinal papers for conferences and synodical meetings. It is easy to see that the need for such doctrinal studies is equally great on the mission-field in a heathen land. Some, if not all, of us feel that the need is even greater here than at home, as it is evident that Satan will exert himself to the utmost to defend such a stronghold of heathenism as China. Indeed, the devil has by no means spared the missionaries of the pure Word in China, but has vexed us with various perplexing problems. During the past few years important questions of doctrine and practise have agitated the minds of your missionaries. Thorough doctrinal papers on these questions and the advice of an experienced pastor or theological professor might, under the guidance of God, have contributed greatly towards an early and God-pleasing settlement of these matters. Left to themselves, as they were, your missionaries have had to struggle for years with serious difficulties, which in some cases burdened their consciences and reduced their efficiency. As to the future, there will always be problems which it will be highly profitable to discuss with a competent theologian from home. Moreover, a pastor or professor who has visited the mission-field could also do much to further the interests of our China Missions among our fellow-Lutherans in America.

At home it is customary for pastors and professors to travel long distances, if necessary, in order to deliver sermons, lectures, papers, etc., at special meetings or conferences. In China sectarian missionaries have annual union conferences in the summer at such mountain resorts as Kuling, and lecturers are regularly secured from abroad at no inconsiderable expense. Even if we could take part in such unionistic conferences, we could derive little benefit from them, as too often such Modernists as Fosdick are the lecturers secured. What sectarians and Modernists are willing to do in order to secure such visitors as only tear down the Church of Christ we Lutherans should be even more willing to do in order better to avail ourselves of existing opportunities for building up the true Church in the heart of heathen China.

We consider that it is not an impracticable matter to have

a visitor come to China once a year for the purpose indicated. In some cases the problem of financing such a trip might be partially or wholly solved without drawing on the regular mission-funds; but if this is necessary, such expenditure would be justified by the benefits accruing to the mission and our Church as a whole. The total cost is not likely to exceed two per cent. of our present working budget. We hope also that there would be no difficulty in finding pastors or professors who could be spared from their regular work for about three months in the summer. At the same time, as they benefit our mission, they might themselves profit by the sea voyage and a stay of a month or more at Kuling, the famous resort among the mountains near the Yangtze. We are confident that the adoption of this plan, by benefiting both the China Missions and the Home Church, would redound to the glory of God and His everlasting name.

Hoping it will be possible to grant our request and wishing you God's blessing for all your deliberations, we are

Very respectfully yours,

THE CHINA CONFERENCE,

per A. H. GEBHARDT;
GEO. LILLEGARD.

Synod also tendered a vote of thanks to Prof. F. Zucker, D. D., for his long and faithful service as a member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Immigrant Mission in New York.

Report of the Board.

We can again report that the work among the immigrants made a blessed progress. The resolution of Synod was carried out, and Rev. A. G. Dick was called as second missionary. He began his work in 1924 in Ellis Island and on the docks.

Calling a second missionary made another residence necessary. The house belonging to Synod was planned for only one family, but could readily be remodeled into a two-family house. Since rents are enormously high, the Board, after due deliberation, resolved to remodel the house so as to provide apartments for two families and a place for an office and a meeting-room. The expense was met from the surplus of the Immigrant Mission Treasury.

An Immigrant Mission station was opened at the port of Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, in 1925, the work being conducted by Rev. A. Kramer besides his regular work as pastor.

The restrictions on immigration have also affected our treasury. Changes in immigrant service proposed by our Government may necessitate greater expense. If the changes occur, we ought to have the necessary means to meet these expenses.

\$357.62 was expended for charity; \$3,702.39 was advanced. Of this amount \$3,523.39 has been repaid, so that \$179 is still outstanding. For all different purposes \$547,899.17 was received and disbursed according to instructions.

Owing to numerous other duties Rev. Jahn found himself compelled to resign from the office of secretary. Rev. Th. Kuehn was elected his successor. On his accepting a call to Rome, N. Y., Rev. Aug. Koerber was asked to fill the position, which he did. Mr. Wm. Burgdorf was elected secretary.

In this year the terms of office of Pastors Borth and Beyer and of Messrs. Stemmermann and Brummer expire.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 12 Synod *resolved*:—

1. To approve of the present arrangement that the Rev. H. Gallman continue the work of the former second immigrant missionary, Rev. A. Dick, pending further developments in immigration and possible legislation.
2. To approve the remodeling of the house of our immigrant missionary into two dwellings, thus saving rent for the second missionary.
3. To adopt the treasurer's report, which has been audited and approved by public accountants.
4. To request all who visit Europe to buy their tickets through our Lutheran Immigrant Society. Tickets cost no more, and buyers secure for themselves the service of our Society.

Seamen's Mission in New York.

Report of the Board.

(German Report, p. 186.)

When the Board for Immigrant Mission was entrusted with the administration of the Seamen's Mission, it took over this work with Rev. M. Pinkert as missionary. He was charged to minister in a pastoral way to the seamen, speak to them about the one thing needful, especially on board ship, and, as opportunity presented itself, to preach the Gospel of Christ on board ship. This work Rev. Pinkert has faithfully discharged during the past three years.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

1923.

General Expense Account	\$3070.30
Less income	632.12
Paid by Synod	\$2438.18

1924.

General Expense Account	\$3540.80
Less income	878.80
Paid by Synod	\$2662.00

1925.	
General Expense Account	\$3821.35
Less income	986.86
Paid by Synod	\$2834.49

O. H. RESTIN, *Treasurer.***LUTHERAN IMMIGRANT SOCIETY, INC.****Assets and Liabilities as at July 31, 1925.**

ASSETS.	
Property Account	\$29000.00
Improvements	15070.34
	\$44070.34
Mortgage Account	47000.00
Cash on hand	\$ 24.88
Cash in Mechanics and Metals National Bank.....	4274.82
	4299.70
Liberty Loan, fourth issue	2000.00
Office furniture and fixtures	1119.00
Advance Account	19.00
LIABILITIES.	
	\$98508.04
Deposit Account	\$ 2474.19
Capital Account, January 31, 1925	\$95449.66
Income in excess of expenses, February 1 to July 31, 1925	584.19
	96033.85
	\$98508.04

Assets and Liabilities as at January 31, 1926.

ASSETS.	
Property Account	\$29000.00
Improvements	15070.34
	\$44070.34
Mortgage Account	47000.00
Cash on hand	\$ 43.88
Cash in Mechanics and Metals National Bank.....	4590.51
	4634.39
Liberty Loan, fourth issue	2000.00
Office furniture and fixtures	1119.00
Advance Account	179.00
Interest—Liberty Loan accrued	42.50
Sundries	3.00
LIABILITIES.	
	\$99048.23
Deposit Account	\$ 1741.36
Capital Account, July 31, 1925	\$96033.85
Income in excess of expenses, August 1, 1925, to January 31, 1926	1273.02
	97306.87
	\$99048.23

O. H. RESTIN, *Treasurer.*
WILLIAM BURGTORF, *Secretary.***Resolved:—****Action.**

1. To continue the Seamen's Mission under the direction of the Lutheran Immigrant Society;
2. To adopt the treasurer's report, which has been audited and approved by public accountants.

Immigrant Mission Board for Western Canada.**Memorial of the Mission Board of the Alberta and British Columbia District.**

Since the immigration laws of Canada were modified in 1925, since Canada has opened its doors to the people of Central Europe, and since the Canadian government and other organizations are making efforts to win new settlers for Canada, a strong stream of immigrants is pouring into Western Canada, and many thousands of Europeans are preparing to found new homes in Canada. 17,000 immigrants reached Winnipeg up to March 1, 1926. Authorities estimate that about 200,000 immigrants will arrive in the course of this year.

Not a few of these immigrants are Lutherans [from Russia, Poland, Galicia, Roumania, and Germany]. . . .

A new era is therefore dawning for our church-work in Canada. It is necessary, however, that we make timely preparations in order to direct the stream of immigrants to those points where our Church is represented. An evil our mission-work always had to contend with was the fact that so many Lutheran immigrants settled in distant, out-of-the-way places or were scattered among people of another faith. The spiritual care of these fellow-Lutherans required many men and much money. This evil can be somewhat mitigated, small missions can be strengthened, men, and money be saved for our Synod if we begin mission-work among them in time.

Our Synod has an Immigrant Mission Board in New York. Its work, however, differs radically from that which must be done in West Canada. Besides, the Board is too far away efficiently to supervise and direct the work in our District. We have consulted with this Board and with its approval and at its suggestion take the liberty to petition Synod to provide for the spiritual welfare of immigrants by naming an Immigrant Mission Board for West Canada and empowering it to call an immigrant missionary to Winnipeg and to supervise his work.

Memorial of the Mission Board of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan District.

(Abridged.)

Canada is divided into two parts, the Eastern and the Western Canada. The open arable stretches are found in the West. Most immigrants will therefore probably settle in this part of Canada. All immigrants going to Western Canada, however, are immediately entrained from the steamers and sent to Winnipeg via the two chief Canadian lines. Winnipeg, like New York, is the gateway to the West. In Winnipeg, all immigrants are unloaded and housed in large immigrant barracks. Here they receive the necessary information and are distributed on branch lines throughout the West.

Report of Committee 12.

In view of the heavy stream of immigrants pouring into Western Canada, we recommend that Synod elect a Board for Immigrant Missions which is authorized to call a missionary for immigrants landing in Winnipeg.

This recommendation was *adopted*.

Mexico City, Mexico.

Report of the Mission Board of the Texas District. Abridged.

(German Report, p. 191.)

By wonderful direction of God we have come to Mexico City. Owing to the opinion that a number of our congregation-members were scattered in Mexico, the Mission Board of the Texas District was asked to send a man to make a survey of the situation. The Board called Rev. C. Frieling, who moved to Monterey early in 1922 and made a search for our brethren in the faith. His search was in vain, however, until he came to Mexico City. Although he found none of our congregation-members, he did find a large German colony, which was without spiritual ministration whatsoever. With the approval of the Board he settled here toward the close of 1922 in order to begin work in this colony.

The colony is an old one. Loehe mentions it in 1848 in his *Kirchliche Mitteilungen*. Its present size cannot be easily determined; figures vary between 1,500 and 3,000. All, with but a few exceptions,—some members of our congregations have been found among them,—are Germans from Germany. Almost all vocations and degrees of wealth are represented. A large German school is being maintained, in which evolution is taught instead of Luther's Catechism.

Repeated efforts have been made to start a church. Stories are told of various pastors who worked there temporarily. There was no continuous service until Rev. Frieling came. God wanted to turn the work in this large city over to us. The difficulties with which the missionary copes are greater than would appear from a distance. These Germans have grown up under state-church conditions; a free church is something entirely foreign to them. They are also accustomed to distinguish only between Catholics and Protestants. They cling to their German ways and are exceedingly wary of anything that is new and strange to them. Many refuse to attend our services because they are conducted in a church which Americans at one time built and used.

Still the attendance of Rev. Frieling's services has slowly increased. A certain group has formed which clings to Pastor Frieling. A winnowing has even taken place since the effort was made to

inveigle Pastor Frieling into entering the camp of the state church. Our people say to us: "We had become savages. It was a heathenish business: no preaching, no prayer, no Baptism, nothing—until Pastor Frieling came." In the three years of his activity there Pastor Frieling has baptized some 50 children, married 40 couples, conducted 30 burials, and confirmed two classes of six children each. At present a class of two children is under instruction. An adult Catholic has received instruction and, as a result, has joined our Church. A Catholic woman will probably do the same before long. Pastor Frieling's little flock at present numbers some 65 souls, of whom 30 are communicant members. The attendance at services averaged 35. If a congregation is organized, we may count on 10 to 12 male members. If a school can be opened, some 25 children will probably attend from the very first.

Thus three years of arduous, but visibly blessed work have passed. The Mission Board has received reports from the missionary as far as was possible and twice visited the mission, in the fall of 1923 and in January, 1926. It has become evident to us that if the mission is to prosper, even but to continue, the time is at hand when we must obtain property: parsonage, church, school. . . .

The cost cannot at present be exactly determined. The site will probably require the greatest investment, since it must measure at least 100×200 feet. The altitude of the site especially makes it necessary to build of stone. Inquiries of all kinds, also personal consultation with competent architects, leave no doubt in our minds that the total cost will be at least \$50,000.

In the meeting with Rev. Frieling's people also the money question was discussed. Some were of the opinion that large sums could be obtained by subscriptions in the colony. We, however, held the people to the principle that the congregation must finance itself. At first Pastor Frieling's people thought that this meant that they would have to pay for everything themselves, which, they said, they were unable to do. A fine old gentleman said: "It would be a crime if the Synod would now leave us in the lurch." We, however, explained to them: "It is your duty to contribute all you can; we shall endeavor to raise what you cannot collect among yourselves. You must not ask people to help you who are not interested in our cause." That satisfied them. They immediately resolved to set about finding out how much they could raise among themselves. The amount has not yet been reported. It will, however, be only a fraction of the necessary amount, since our people, with few exceptions, are poor.

Many difficulties must be overcome if we are to act in harmony with Mexican laws and still secure our property rights. Able lawyers have assured us, however, that the difficulties are not insurmountable.

The Mission Board of the Texas District, accordingly, petitions

Synod to appropriate \$50,000 to obtain the necessary property in Mexico City, so that our Lutheran Church may find a home there and God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure be spread still farther throughout Mexico.

This petition was supported by the Board for Home Missions in North America.

The following report of Committee 7 was *adopted*:—

"The Texas Board of Missions petitions Synod to appropriate \$50,000 for the purchase of property needed for our mission in Mexico City in order that our Lutheran Church may at that place find a home for the expansion of God's Word and Luther's doctrine.

Your Committee recommends that a sum up to \$50,000 be appropriated, provided that all questions of property and title can be adjusted in conformity with the laws of Mexico, and provided that our missionary at that place be not hampered in his activities by governmental restrictions.

The sum named should be advanced by our General Church Extension Treasurer to the Texas Church Extension Treasury, which office will invest the money in Mexico City as conditions call for, asking the congregations to refund the money in accord with their ability.

Foreign-Tongue Missions.

Report of the Board. Abridged.

(German Report, p. 195.)

While unable to report any external growth, the Board could report good internal growth, which manifests itself in greater zeal for the work of the local congregations, for missions, and in increased membership of existing congregations. During the past two years two congregations (Rev. F. Sattelmeier, Polish, Detroit, and Rev. A. Daniel, Slovak, Detroit) became self-supporting. The reasons for not extending the work are growing Socialism and materialism, lack of workers, lack of means.

At present a number of foreign-tongue students are attending our institutions, two of whom have signified their willingness to enter the service of our Foreign-tongue Missions. Your Board, however, is face to face with the problem of finding ways to support these students, since it does not feel privileged, without special resolution of Synod, to subsidize them from the Foreign-tongue Mission Treasury. The sum required amounts to some \$1,000 a year.

The budget for 1926 provided for \$18,000. This sum is necessary to defray the salaries and rents of the present missionaries. We have been requested to reassume the Persian Mission. Lack of means precluded a favorable answer. To do so would require \$1,500 over the budget for 1926.

The Polish Mission is carried on by four missionaries in Col-

gate, Md., Chicago, Ill., Trenton, N. J., and Russell, Man., Can. The Detroit congregation has become self-supporting. Pastor Mlotkowski's congregation in Chicago received a subsidy of \$50 a month for the salary of its teacher.

The Lithuanian Mission is carried on by four pastors with congregations at Philadelphia, Maspeth, L. I., N. Y., Naugatuck and New Haven, Conn., Chicago, Ill. A number of additional preaching-stations are also served.

The Lettish Mission is carried on by three pastors who have congregations in Boston, Mass., Philadelphia, and Chicago, besides a number of preaching-stations.

One man works among Esthonians and Finns. As the people whom he served were indifferent, he for a time did secular work in order to save expenses. The Board has again requested him to devote all his time to mission-work.

Two pastors are doing work among Slovaks. Rev. Daniel's congregation, Detroit, has become self-supporting. Rev. Pankuch serves Stafford Springs, Conn., besides a number of preaching-stations.

Mission-work among Italians is done by Rev. A. Bongarzzone in West Hoboken and Englewood, N. J. The first congregation is trying very hard to raise money for a church edifice. Owing to the great expense of building, however, the time when they will begin to build is still remote. With the approval of the Hon. President of Synod, the Board approved the temporary appointment of a deaconess, Miss Tassinary, who received her education at the Fort Wayne Deaconess Home.

In order to defray the necessary salaries and traveling expenses of our missionaries, your Board will require \$20,000. If the Persian Mission is to be taken up again, an additional \$1,000 will be required.

Report of Committee 10.

1. The Northern Illinois District has lately taken over a Spanish mission in Chicago and Joliet, Ill., and has supported it from its Home Mission treasury. Because this mission should in reality be subsidized and put under control of the Foreign-tongue Mission Board, your Committee recommends that the mission be taken over by Synod and referred to the Board for Foreign-tongue Missions.

2. The Northern Illinois District has also begun a Persian mission in Chicago. 52 families and 47 single men attend our services. A congregation has been organized, and a pastor was called, who has accepted the call. Your Committee recommends that also this mission be conducted by the Board for Foreign-tongue Missions.

3. In Hoboken, N. J., and at other places in the East we have successfully carried on mission-work among the Italians. Upon the advice of Doctor Pfotenbauer a deaconess was secured to work among the women under the direction of the missionary. Your Committee makes the following recommendations:—

- a. To sanction the appointment of a deaconess;
- b. That the deaconess be retained in this mission in the future;
- c. That the sum of \$25,000 be granted next year for the Foreign-tongue Missions;
- d. That Synod encourage the Board for Foreign-tongue Missions to enroll young men for this work and educate them;
- e. That students preparing themselves for work in our Foreign-tongue Missions who are in need of support be supported from the Indigent Students' Fund of the particular District from which they come instead of from the Mission Treasury.

All recommendations were *adopted*.

Deaf-Mute Missions.

Report of the Board. Condensed.

(German Report, p. 200.)

During the past three years the Lord has richly blessed our work among the deaf-mutes. This mission-work of our Synod is the only one of its kind in the Lutheran Church. At present 134 congregations and preaching-stations are served by 17 missionaries. The centers of the various districts, in which the missionaries also reside, are: New York, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Spokane, Seattle, Portland. We hope that California, which was temporarily served by Rev. N. F. Jensen, will soon have its own missionary. Fourteen of the 134 stations — an increase of 30 since the last convention — are organized congregations. Those in Chicago, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Seattle, and St. Paul have their own chapel and parsonage. The Portland congregation recently dedicated its chapel. . . . A blessed work is also carried on in the state institutions for deaf-mutes, in some of which our missionaries often preach to several hundred deaf-mute children and their teachers and even instruct special classes for confirmation. Our missionaries have also successfully instructed a number of blind deaf-mutes, and they are now communicant members.

Expenses as well as the deficit in the treasury, amounting to \$26,337.04 at the end of March, have increased with the growth of the mission. The minimum budget for the coming year amounts to \$33,000. We dare not curtail the work since urgent calls are coming in from the West and the South.

It is unfortunate for organized congregations if they have not their own house of worship, where they can assemble at any time. Since the chapels need not be large, in fact, ought never to exceed a seating capacity of 100, chapels and parsonages under one roof have proved serviceable, *e. g.*, in Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Seattle. The Board of Directors appropriated annually \$1,500 for

chapel and parsonage in Seattle. A large annual rental (amounting to \$4,227 in 1925) could be saved if a larger fund were put at our disposal annually as a building fund for chapels and parsonages. The Mission Board petitions for \$5,000 annually for each of the next three years. In the course of time rent would then be saved.

The deaf-mutes are encouraged to contribute regularly for the mission carried on among them, and many of them collect quite liberally for the building of chapels and parsonages. In Detroit, Cleveland, Omaha, and Spokane, residences for the missionaries are necessary. The New York mission has been collecting for some years and has \$3,000 in its treasury.

Report of the Committee.

1. Your Committee recommends to Synod to allow the Board of Deaf-mute Missions the sum of \$43,200 for 1927.

2. We also recommend that \$5,000 be granted annually for the next three years for the erection of chapels and for residences of missionaries.

The recommendations were *adopted*.

Literature for the Blind.

The Board for Deaf-mute Missions, in its report, spoke of the possibility of work also among the blind. Such statistics as could be gathered showed that there were 103 blind persons in our Synod. Of these 31 are old and can no longer learn to read the blind script. Twenty children and young people are placed in three state institutions for the blind. Beyond question a greater number could eventually be found.

In view of the fact that all new books are printed in Revised Braille, all the literature which our Synod may issue for the blind ought to appear in this type.

Aside from the Holy Scriptures very little sound Christian literature is available for the blind. Errorists, such as the Roman Catholics and Christian Scientists, have hitherto been most zealous in providing religious literature for the blind. Of Lutheran literature only Luther's Small Catechism has hitherto appeared.

The Board for Deaf-mute Missions therefore recommends that Synod authorize the publication of the following in type for the blind: Luther's Small Catechism with brief explanations in simple language (if possible, with the text printed for those who instruct them); a Bible History in the same form; a selection of Bible-passages containing instruction, comfort, admonition, and warning; a hymnal containing a selection of the choicest hymns of our Church; and a small monthly paper; all literature, of course, to appear in English. The total expense is estimated at \$986.

Report of Committee on Mission among the Blind.

Committee 9 recommended that Synod issue for the blind Luther's Small Catechism with brief explanations, a small Bible History, and a monthly periodical, costing \$650.50 during the first year.

We further recommend that this work be put in charge of the Deaf-mute Mission Board.

Both recommendations of the committee were *adopted*.

Jewish Mission.**Report of the Board. Condensed.**

(German Report, p. 204.)

Jewish men and women from all parts of New York attend the services which are regularly conducted every Friday evening. On Christian as well as Jewish holidays a larger, often very gratifying, audience attends. Many Jews visit the missionary privately, seeking an explanation of certain Bible-passages of the Old and New Testaments. A goodly number also request a New Testament for private study. Many return it to the missionary; still more purchase a copy of the New Testament. After receiving instruction, one Jewish young man passed a fine examination and made a splendid confession of his faith, and that in spite of bitter hostility shown by his relatives. He was baptized by Rev. A. Wismar and is now a zealous member of his congregation.

Since the death of Mr. F. W. Weber, who for many years was the faithful treasurer of the Board, Mr. John Bunke, of St. John's Congregation, New York, serves as his successor. After seventeen years of service Mr. J. J. Herbert resigned. The Board elected Mr. John Burmeister, of St. Mark's Church, Brooklyn, as his successor.

With the permission of the previous convention your Board purchased a suitable residence for the missionary, thus solving an old and difficult problem.

Your Board recommends that Synod appropriate \$250 in addition to the designated budget for the publication of new pamphlets, tracts, and, possibly, a small paper.

SUMMARY OF REV. N. FRIEDMANN'S ACTIVITIES.

(1923—1925 incl.)

1. 174 sermons preached to 3,391 persons.
2. 1,126 religious conversations in the homes of Jews.
3. Visited 1,562 families in New York.
4. Received 2,786 Jews privately in the chapel and 326 in his residence.
5. Distributed 2,758 tracts, 1,229 catechisms, and 683 New Testaments.

6. Lent, on deposit of the cost price, 729 New Testaments.

7. Sold 658 New Testaments to Jews.

8. Gave 167 private lessons.

9. Delivered 18 sermons and lectures before various congregations in the interest of Jewish missions.

These tracts, etc., are all written in the Jewish language.

Report of the Committee.

1. We recommend that Synod increase the regular budget by the sum of \$250 for the printing of pamphlets and, if possible, a periodical.

2. We recommend that, in the interest of more successful work among the sick and the women, Synod encourage the Board for Jewish Mission to employ a deaconess and that it appropriate \$100 a month for this purpose.

Both recommendations of the committee were *adopted*.

Spiritual Care of Students of Our Church at Non-Synodical Institutions.

(Student Welfare.)

Report of Student Welfare Committee.

(German Report, p. 206.)

The Fort Wayne Convention, three years ago, instructed President Pfotenhauer to appoint a committee to consider the spiritual needs of our students at non-synodical institutions of higher learning. The duties assigned to this committee were briefly as follows:—

To take a census of our students at non-synodical institutions of learning, to study the situation and consider ways and means of meeting it, and to disseminate the information gathered to the best advantage.

The undersigned, appointed by President Pfotenhauer, organized October 5, 1923, as the Student Welfare Committee. An annual budget allowance of \$600 was granted by the Board of Directors.

To determine the number of students and their whereabouts, questionnaires were sent all pastors of Synod at the opening of each scholastic year. The names and addresses of students reported in this way were transmitted to pastors who were, or seemed to be, in a position to serve the students. A conservative estimate, based on rather incomplete returns, puts the number of students at 2,500. These are scattered among, roughly, three hundred institutions, in numbers ranging from four hundred to a single one.

To make contact with these widely scattered children of our household and to create a bond among them, the Committee thought it well to establish a periodical, the *Lutheran Student*. Since no synodical funds were available for the purpose, the American Luther

League and the Walther League, at the solicitation of the Committee, generously agreed to contribute a maximum of \$500 each for two years. The full amount was required the first year; about half will be sufficient for this year. Two thousand students are now on the mailing-list.

The publication of the *Lutheran Student* led to a movement to unite all our students and alumni more closely through the formation of a league. In August, 1925, representatives from ten universities met under the hospitable roof of the River Forest Seminary; but the available time proved too brief for the solution of all the problems involved. The Lutheran Student League will probably become a reality this summer. A University Pastors' Conference has been formed to meet annually for the discussion of matters of common interest. There are, at the present time, five pastors who are wholly or primarily student pastors, and a considerable number of others carry on systematic student work.

The results of the efforts made so far are more than encouraging. Most of our students are sincerely desirous to remain faithful to their confirmation vows. It would, of course, be unreasonable to expect that all will be kept with the Church; but there is good ground to believe that with systematic student work fully as large a proportion of our student youth will remain faithful as of the youth in the average city congregation.

If our student work, however, is to improve its opportunities and to confer on the Church the blessings of which it is capable, it seems imperative that Synod now adopt a more far-reaching policy. The work has long since grown over the heads of the Committee, and they have found themselves unable to do it justice in addition to their other duties.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 22, Synod passed the following resolutions:—

1. That Synod definitely and unreservedly acknowledge the spiritual care of our students at non-synodical institutions of learning as a duty of the Church.
2. That Synod call on its Districts to make provision for the students at institutions within the territory of each through the Inner Mission boards or otherwise.
3. That correlation of effort be secured through the Student Welfare Committee acting in an advisory capacity to the District boards or through other boards elected for this purpose.
4. a) That Synod approve the calling of a General Student Pastor, who shall devote his full time to general student work under the direction of the Student Welfare Committee;

b) That the General Home Mission Board, in conjunction with the Student Welfare Committee, call this General Student Pastor;

c) That an appropriation of \$5,000 for Student Welfare Work be allowed.

5. That Synod authorize the continued publication of the *Lutheran Student*.

6. That it be considered the normal policy not to build up congregations consisting of students exclusively, but that the special needs of students be served either in connection with existing congregations, or that new congregations, even though primarily established to care for students, seek also a non-student membership.

7. That Synod approve the publication, by the Committee, of literature designed to meet the peculiar needs of students, including a series of timely monographs by recognized specialists.

8. That Synod hereby thanks the American Luther League and the Walther League for their contributions to the work of the Committee.

Indian Missions.

Report of the Board.

(German Report, p. 208.)

Your Board for Indian Missions wishes to report to Synod that our labors among the Indians have not been in vain in the past triennium. Our old stations were strengthened, and new ones were added.

In March, 1923, the Rev. H. M. Tjernagel, after six years of efficient and successful service as missionary at Red Springs, Neopit, and Morgan, accepted a call into the Norwegian Synod. His successor is the Rev. O. W. C. Boettcher, installed at Red Springs in August, 1923.

Missionary Boettcher reports 150 souls at Red Springs, 50 communicants, and 21 voting members; at Neopit, 13 communicants; at Morgan, 16 communicants. During the triennium 2 adults and 39 children, four of them between the ages of eight and eleven years, were baptized; 21 children and 3 adults were confirmed. Besides these 4 were converted on their death-bed, but died without confirmation.

The average attendance at Red Springs has been 45 adults in summer and 25 in winter; at Neopit, 15 adults; at Morgan, in 1924, 15; in 1925, 30 and more. Morgan, at the present time, seems to be a promising station. The average attendance of non-Lutheran Indians is about 25 to 30 per cent. of the total at all stations.

In the past two years the Indian congregation contributed about \$75 toward the pastor's salary every year and a somewhat smaller sum for the budget.

In June, 1925, the missionary opened a new station at Quinney, situated on the East Shore of Lake Winnebago, 84 miles from Red Springs. This place was served by pastors of the neighborhood.

In regard to our boarding-school for Indian children at Red Springs, Missionary Boettcher reports that it "has steadily grown in number of children attending it. 1923—24 we boarded 110; 1924—25, 115; this year, 130. Besides these boarders we have had from 10 to 18 children from the immediate neighborhood attending the school as day-pupils." Almost 40 were turned away this fall, some because we had no more room. This large number of children made it necessary to engage a third teacher. The school now has three divisions, which are taught by a theological student and two lady teachers. The missionary gives about half of the religious instruction and has the superintendency of the boarding-school and the school in general.

We employed a matron, a cook, a laundress, and a janitor for the work in the boarding-school.

The parents of the children attending our school have for several years been requested to furnish the necessary clothing for their children, and the result has been gratifying. Next year we shall also ask the parents for contributions for the board of their children, and the indications are that we shall not do so entirely in vain.

In the fall of 1923 the old, dilapidated barn was replaced by a new one. All buildings were kept in paint and repair.

The Rev. Cornelius Aaron, a graduate of St. Louis, 1923, has been working among his people at Oneida since September, 1923. The first year he preached to audiences averaging about 25, organized a Sunday-school with 5 pupils, baptized 7 children, and confirmed 2. In 1924 the chapel, in which the services had been held up to that time (a dilapidated Government chapel), was sold to the Roman Catholics. No other building was available for church purposes. This state of affairs made it necessary for us to build a chapel of our own. On November 23, 1924, this chapel — 24×34×12 feet — was dedicated. It was also impossible to rent a house which would, in a small measure at least, meet the requirements of our missionary. Hence also a humble parsonage was built: 26×28×8½ feet.

In 1925 Zion Ev. Luth. Church of Oneida was organized with 8 members. On January 12, 1925, the missionary opened a Christian day-school with an enrolment of 14, which was increased to 21 before the close of the school-year. The missionary's report for 1925 reads: Souls, 75; communicants, 32; voting members, 16; baptized, 2; confirmed, 9, four adults and five children; enrolment in day-school, 29;

in Sunday-school, 25. Two services are held every Sunday, one in our chapel, with an average attendance of 25, and another in the country in a private residence, with 15 in attendance.

At its last convention at Fort Wayne in 1923 Synod resolved that the Indian Mission Board should explore the Red Lake Indian Reservation in the interest of our Indian Mission. Your Board delegated two of its members to carry out this resolution of Synod and requested three brethren of Minnesota to make a thorough investigation of this field. The findings of this committee were that about 400 Indians are without the Gospel of Christ on the Ponemah Point. Efforts were made to secure a building site there with the object in view of establishing a mission among these Indians. Your Board has left nothing undone in trying to secure a building site, but even the introduction of a bill in Congress at Washington, D. C., was unsuccessful. The Episcopal Church has a building site on the Point, not utilized for church purposes, which we are trying to purchase for our proposed mission. We consider this a promising field and therefore believe that efforts to establish a mission there should be continued.

The attention of your Board has been drawn to an effort made by the Rev. Carl Rose, Lavalie, Wis., to establish a mission near Kilbourn, Wis., and at other places. He reports that he has had 4 baptisms, that 6 are receiving instruction at the smaller stations, that he has a Sunday-school of 75 Lutheran children and a class of 50 Lutheran children at the Industrial School for Indian Children at Tomah, Wis., which is receiving religious instruction. We have defrayed the expenses he incurred by serving these stations, but have taken no further steps.

Arlington, Cal.; Sherman Institute. The Mission Board of the California and Nevada District has asked us to set aside \$3,500 for the work at this institution.

In view of the increased number of pupils at our boarding-school for Indian children at Red Springs and the financial aid requested by brethren working among the Indians outside of Red Springs and Oneida, we recommend to Synod to increase the budget for Indian Missions to \$18,000 per annum for current expenses.

Respectfully,

BOARD FOR INDIAN MISSIONS.

Resolved:—

Action.

1. To appropriate \$18,000 annually for this mission;
2. To appropriate \$4,000 for the erection of a chapel near Sherman Institute, Arlington, Cal., where 18 Lutheran scholars coming from the Indian Mission of the Wisconsin Synod in Arizona are attending school.

Our Colored Missions.

Report of the Board.

(German Report, p. 210.)

Our mission-work among the twelve million Negroes of our country is carried on under the auspices of the Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America. Since our Synod constitutes the largest part of the Synodical Conference, and since it also furnishes most of the money and has furnished all but two white missionaries, we gladly comply with the request to submit a written report on the wonderful work God is doing through our missionaries among the freedmen of our country.

The Lord, in His mercy, has permitted us to see a splendid forward movement of our work among the colored people during the past triennium. It happened more than once that our missionaries received forty, fifty, and more persons into the church in one day by Holy Baptism or by confirmation. During these three years our Colored Missions experienced a net growth of 18 per cent. This truly marvelous increase of 18 per cent. will appear all the more striking to us when we consider that the growth of our Synod was only about 2 per cent. The total number of souls, or baptized members, who were under the spiritual care of our missionaries at the end of last year was 4,709. Adding the 5,500 pupils who attend our day-schools and our Sunday-schools, but have not as yet joined our Church by receiving Holy Baptism or confirmation, we have a grand total of approximately 10,000 Negroes who come in contact with God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure every week. Our missionaries are now at work in fifteen different States of the Union. The largest fields are to be found in Alabama, Louisiana, and North Carolina. The Black Belt of Alabama, where our work was begun ten years ago, has so far proved to be the most promising field.

At the close of 1925 the staff of *mission-workers* consisted of 105 laborers: 7 white professors at Greensboro, 1 white superintendent, 15 white pastors, 1 white helper, 3 colored professors at Selma, 18 colored pastors, 20 colored teachers, and 41 colored lady teachers—23 whites and 82 colored. The colored laborers are educated and trained at Immanuel Lutheran College in Greensboro, N. C., and at Alabama Luther College in Selma, Ala.

It is a pleasure to note how frequently our colored Lutherans *approach the Lord's Table*. Last year the number of guests at the Communion table was 7,446. On an average every confirmed member communed about three times during the year; some communed even five and six times. If the number of guests at the Lord's Supper is a barometer of spiritual life, then the members of our colored Lutheran churches are an example for us to follow.

The *contributions* of our colored Christians also are a source of gratification and inspiration. During the past three years the really surprising sum of \$85,482.22 was raised in our Colored Missions. Last year every confirmed member, male and female, young and old, contributed on an average \$11.77. Crops were poor in the Carolinas last year. Three years ago the average contribution was \$16.30. And be it remembered that our colored Lutherans are not prosperous business men or well-to-do farmers; as a rule, they are poor. It is worthy of note that they gave of their poverty to pay for a chapel each in China and in India.

The members of our colored Lutheran churches enjoy a *good reputation*; for they endeavor to conform their lives to the rule of the divine Word and to walk as it becometh the Gospel of Christ. Said the tax-collector of an Alabama county: "The only good Niggers around here are the Lutheran Niggers. They have less debts, pay their bills more regularly, are more thrifty, and their morality is better than any of the rest around here." A North Carolina business man had this to say: "If all the Negroes would be like your Lutheran Negroes, they would be all right." The colored men and women who accept God's Word and Luther's doctrine pure undergo a complete change, fulfilling the word of Paul written to the Corinthians: "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature."

During the past triennium the following *buildings* were erected or purchased: A chapel and school (both under one roof) for \$1,000 at Hamburg, Ala. (the gift of a Christian woman); a church and school (both under one roof) at Holy, Ark, Ala., for \$1,000; a chapel and school (both under one roof) at Pine Hill, Ala., for \$1,000 (the gift of a California friend of missions); an addition to the chapel at Buena Vista, Ala., for \$317.07; a chapel and school (both under one roof) at Kings Landing, Ala., for about \$950 (the gift of our colored churches in Alabama); a building site and two buildings for our Alabama Luther College in Selma, Ala., for about \$48,766.42; a school at Selma for \$2,800; a professor's dwelling at Greensboro for \$5,470; a schoolroom added to the chapel at Rockwell, N. C., for \$132.14 (the members did the work); a portable schoolhouse for St. Paul's, New Orleans, for \$1,739; a chapel in Los Angeles, Cal., for \$6,002.80; a portable chapel for Jacksonville, Ill., for \$300; a home for the mission in Cincinnati, O., worth \$8,000, was bought by the six churches in Cincinnati; a house and lot for the St. Louis school for \$7,304.94 (remodeling will cost approximately \$1,200). The following building sites were purchased: Alexandria, La., \$1,897.10; Chicago, \$2,200; St. Louis, \$4,046.78; Atlanta, Ga., \$1,434 (includes street improvements); Winston-Salem, N. C., \$1,515. *Repairs*: Immanuel Lutheran College, \$9,417.31; other repairs, \$13,746.17. The total value of all *mission-property* is approximately \$350,000. The

total receipts during the last three fiscal years (June 30, 1922, to June 30, 1925) were \$513,434.83. Of this amount, \$360,661.14 was contributed by the Missouri Synod, \$43,479.08 by the Wisconsin Synod, \$1,832.03 by the Norwegian Synod. The Wisconsin Synod purposes to contribute \$17,500 during the present year.

The Needs of Our Negro Missions. — Two dormitories are needed at Immanuel Lutheran College. The living conditions of our students in this institution beggar description. One of the dormitories is now being erected. It will cost \$50,000 with equipment; but at the end of March only \$17,319.66 was in the Mission Treasury for this purpose. Of this amount \$2,000 has been contributed by our colored Christians in the Carolinas. The Alabama Luther College at Selma is already too small and should have an addition, which would cost about \$6,000. In Alabama, where conditions are peculiar, six simple teacherages are needed. Each building is to cost \$550 to \$600. At numerous places churches and schools are needed: Birmingham (about \$15,000), Philadelphia (about \$10,000), Yonkers (about \$15,000), Atmore, Camden, and Rockwest, Ala. (each about \$1,000). In the Southeastern field, particularly in North Carolina, separate and modern schoolhouses are needed. In this entire field we have but three separate schoolhouses, the best of which cost a little over \$1,200. At the other places school is conducted in three annexes of chapels, in the church, or in the church basement. Of late the North Carolina cities are spending millions of dollars for Negro schoolhouses, and unless something is done very soon, our mission-schools there will be a thing of the past. According to a very low estimate \$75,000 will be required for new schools. — The recent Negro migration to the North has made our *Northern cities* large and promising mission-fields. Buffalo, Cleveland, Detroit, Milwaukee, and other cities are calling our Negro Missions. The cost of missionary operations in Northern cities is high, of course. But should we leave these large fields to others? Moreover, our experience in Springfield, St. Louis, and Yonkers has shown that the prospects of securing self-sustaining congregations are brightest in the North, where Negroes receive higher wages. — Owing to lack of means and men we have been obliged to leave unanswered calls from Oklahoma, Texas, and six places in Alabama.

The *opportunities* for mission-work among the Negroes who are at our very doors are almost unlimited. Their number has reached twelve million. About half this number is connected with a church, often, however, only nominally. And of those who are connected with a church, multitudes know nothing of the grace of God in Christ Jesus. Booker T. Washington, the great Negro leader, who was an instrument in the hands of God to bring our Colored Missions to the Black Belt of Alabama, asserts that "three-fourths of the colored

Baptist ministers and two-thirds of the Methodists are unfit, either mentally or morally, or both, to preach the Gospel to any one or to attempt to lead any one. A large proportion of the church-members are just as ignorant of true Christianity, as taught by Christ, as any people in Africa or Japan, and just as much in need of missionary effort as those in foreign lands." The harvest, truly, is plenteous!

May the command of Christ to preach the Gospel to *every* creature and the encouraging increase which He has graciously given impel us to still greater activity in evangelizing the Negro who lies at our door as poor Lazarus lay at the door of Dives!

What though the skin be black or white or brown,
The loving Savior wore for all the thorny crown.

Report of the Committee.

1. Since 1908 our Colored Missions show a growth of 18 per cent. At present 15 white and 22 colored workers are active in them. In the last triennium a number of buildings have been erected at various stations. The Board for Colored Missions requests Synod to appropriate a sum to *cover a shortage which resulted from the erection of necessary buildings* in the past year: Greensboro, N. C., \$30,000; Alabama Luther College, \$5,000; St. Louis, \$7,000; Philadelphia, \$8,500; Los Angeles, \$6,200; Alexandria, La., \$6,000. *Total, \$57,900.*

2. For the next triennium the Board for Colored Missions requests appropriations for the building of colleges, chapels, and schools, as well as alterations, at the following places: Alteration of Immanuel Lutheran College, Greensboro, N. C., \$8,000; a new lecture hall, \$15,000; a lecture hall at Selma, Ala., \$1,000; chapel and school at Atmore, Ala., \$1,000; chapel and school at Lamison, Ala., \$1,000; chapel, school, and parsonage at Spartanburg, \$10,000; six teacherages in Alabama, \$3,600; chapel and school in Birmingham, \$15,000. In North Carolina new school dwellings must be erected in the near future, or we must give up our mission. At least \$75,000 will be needed for this purpose. In Charlotte, N. C., we have three congregations. These should be amalgamated as soon as possible into one congregation after a suitable place has been found for the erection of the necessary buildings. The sum of \$20,000 is necessary for this cause.

3. In Yonkers, N. Y., a new church should be erected. \$6,000 is in this treasury; \$10,000 more is needed. In Pensacola, Fla., \$8,000 is necessary for the erection of buildings. The sum needed for new appropriations in the next triennium is \$215,000. One-fifth of this sum the Wisconsin Synod has appropriated. Your Committee recommends to Synod that the Synodical Conference appropriate the sum of \$215,000 for new buildings.

No action was taken, as this is the province of the Synodical Conference.

General Church Extension Board.

Report of the Board.

(German Report, p. 214.)

Within the past few years, especially since 1917, the fund of the General Church Extension Board has been productive of much good. Traceable to this fund is the building of 456 edifices, among which 28 schools, 80 parsonages, and 348 houses of worship are enumerated. The total of loans allowed for these buildings aggregates about \$1,155,000. Probably a tenth of all our church-buildings, valued at nearly \$60,000,000, has come into being by the aid of the Church Extension Treasury. The monthly returns to the treasury from the debtors are somewhat in excess of \$8,500. Because of the depreciation of the value of farm products, because of crop failures, of non-employment, and of labor troubles a number of debtors are asking for time to meet their annual instalments.

Encouraged by the convention of 1920 (cf. *Bericht der Delegatensynode zu Detroit, 1920*, p. 115), the Board requested such congregations as have borrowed money from the Church Extension Treasury to vote one collection annually to the fund; furthermore, pursuant to resolutions framed in former conventions, the Board appealed for loans. The results of both efforts were disappointing. In this way a total of only \$105,000 was collected within the six years. Perhaps it is well to emphasize again that such loans are as safely deposited with the Synod as with the reliable bankers of our day; yes, occasionally more safely. No one who has in the past entrusted his moneys to the Board has ever lost a cent or waited for the repayment of this loan upon demand. Loans are the need of the hour. It is regrettable that so much money hidden in ridiculously unsafe places cannot be pressed into the service of the Gospel. Should we not more insistently urge our people to make their bank deposits and other deposits a power for lasting good, to put them to work building churches and schools?

In comparing the sums loaned formerly with those now granted, we call attention to the following. Whereas the sums granted until 1917 went out in small portions of about \$500 to a congregation in its building crisis, the average reached \$2,700 in 1917 and is now \$6,200. This marked advance is partly traceable to the generally higher cost of building operations and partly to the laudable desire of erecting structures somewhat agreeable to modern architectural tastes.

The Board has worked very well under the scale of limits sponsored by the Board of Directors, which placed the maximum loan at \$10,000 in a given instance. Serious emergencies, however, were met with larger aid, upon the ratification of Synod's Board of

Directors. In order to save four metropolitan centers from disaster, perhaps from death, four appropriations of \$15,000 each were made. These were the highest allowances made to an individual congregation.

It seems that foresight dictates an ever-growing increase of our building activities. In our rapidly growing cities, especially, too, in our university cities, for instance, Ann Arbor, Palo Alto, Lincoln, Missoula, Columbia, — all applicants for aid, — the lack of suitable chapels means lost opportunities. Should we not provide particularly for such as later in life will hold influential positions in the social and political world? If they are indoctrinated early in life, they will later become valuable servants in the Church.

Again, there seems to be a growing immigration to the far West; at any rate, one of the far Western Districts has applied for loans totaling \$260,000 to build chapels in fields teeming with new settlements. The same growth seems to be noticeable in the Western Canadian provinces. In brief, the situation throughout the country caused by a lack of chapels is nothing short of critical. Though 136 petitions were satisfied in the past three years, by far the larger number had to be refused; or more drastically stated, upward of 50,000 people affiliated with our Synod are without a church home of their own. The lack of chapels will be more poignantly felt as large and ever larger classes of faithful workmen will be graduated from our seminaries. The inability to supply suitable buildings (churches and schools) will spell a curtailment of mission opportunities, at times, perhaps, a total abandonment of promising fields. Equally acute is the lack of parsonages in our mission-fields.

In view of the above, favorable action should be taken on the overture (found elsewhere) prepared upon the resolution of the representatives of the mission boards. The successful growth, furtherance, and extension of our mission-work, this foremost work, which guarantees our Synod the right of existence, requires this, yes, makes it imperative. The regret of your Board is that not more than \$3,500,000 is being applied for.

In order to have treasuries commensurate with the needs, the General Church Extension Board recommends the raising of a fund of \$5,000,000, to be evenly divided between the local boards and the General Church Extension Board.

Furthermore, in order to arrange an educational campaign, similar to the one so successfully completed for Synod's building program, the Board recommends that the resolution of the past convention (1923), namely, the calling of an executive secretary, be complied with at an early date. The Board recommends that the salary of such an official be \$3,000 annually, inclusive of rent.

Thirdly, the Board recommends that its *personnel* be enlarged to include two advisory members well acquainted with the mission opportunities in the Districts lying along the periphery. These advisory members are to assist the Board during the forthcoming financial campaign and otherwise to sponsor the cause of church extension.

Finally, the Board again recommends that its incorporation be authorized in order that its business transactions may be expedited, such as the release of mortgages and, in emergency cases, the purchasing of properties for petitioners unable otherwise to meet Synod's requirements as to loans.

F. W. WEIDMANN, *Chairman*.

An Enlarged Church Extension Fund.

(Overture 613.)

What is the greatest material need in our Synod at the present time?

No doubt, at the outset there may be quite a variety of opinions in replying to this question. Yet the undersigned and those in whose behalf they submit this overture venture to hope that the whole Synod can be made to realize that to-day there is one outstanding material need, one that overtops all others, and that one is a *larger Church Extension Fund*.

There *were* other and perhaps greater needs: our colleges and seminaries were woefully underbuilt. The absolute need for new, larger, and better-equipped buildings has in a great measure been met by the magnificent response of our people in the Building Fund Campaign of the last six years. Another crying need, that of a better provision for our invalid pastors and teachers and the widows and orphans of deceased pastors and teachers, has also been at least partly met by magnanimous measures adopted and executed by the Lutheran Laymen's League with the generous support of our members throughout Synod.

The Home Missions Conference is persuaded that of all the remaining material needs of our dear Synod the most pressing at the present time is an *adequate Church Extension Fund*. This Conference, consisting of the General Home Mission Board and representatives of the twenty-five Districts in North America, resolved in its convention, held in August, 1925, to petition Synod to arrange for an intensive campaign during the next triennium for the ingathering of contributions from the communicant membership of our whole Synod to build up our Church Extension Fund.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from Canada to Mexico, calls continue to come in for loans out of our General Church Extension

Fund. Most of these can be only partially granted and many not at all.

The splendid response of our members to Synod's Building Fund appeal and the generous contributions made by our people to the Support Fund under the consecrated leadership of our noble Lutheran Laymen's League embolden the Home Missions Conference to come before Synod with this proposition:—

That Synod set as its main objective for the forthcoming triennium (1926—29) the ingathering of three and one half million dollars (\$3,500,000) for our Church Extension Fund.

1. We need a fund of such dimensions. The sects and also other Lutheran synods have funds running into millions. This enables them oftentimes to forge ahead of us at places where we really began earlier than they. The net worth of our General Fund is now about one million dollars; and the resources of all our District funds amount to about another million dollars. The balances indicated in the annual reports in the *Statistical Year-Book* represent, in nearly all cases, amounts already promised to congregations and missions. The General Board as well as the District boards must annually turn down appeals where help is urgently needed. This condition must be remedied.

2. We point to the *blessing* such an enlarged fund can yield. Where adequate non-interest-bearing loans can be made, thousands of dollars can annually be saved in rentals of places of worship and of homes for our missionaries. It is estimated that over \$100,000 is spent annually in rents for halls and other places used for worship and approximately \$150,000 for rentals of parsonages. Some of our congregations in the West must pay as high as eight and nine per cent. on loans secured on their property. If this drain could be stopped, subsidies to missions could be reduced, and other stations could be opened. The Church Extension Fund is the handmaiden of the Mission Fund.

3. That a fund of \$3,500,000 *can be raised* in the next three years is evidenced by what was accomplished in the past six years in our Synod. Our Christian people are no poorer through their giving of the past years. Many have now learned the joy and blessedness of giving. And many, indeed, have already been rewarded by the Lord of heaven for their faithful stewardship in that He has entrusted them with increased earthly treasures. We therefore recommend to Synod the appointment of a Ways and Means Committee to conduct a campaign similar to that for our Building Fund.

4. Finally, the Missions Conference ventures to suggest that one half of the amount raised in each District revert to the Extension Fund of the respective District. In this way independent efforts,

already planned for some Districts, will be obviated. Synod may also consider the advisability of determining a certain ratio for loans to missions in foreign lands.

Respectfully submitted,

THE HOME MISSIONS CONFERENCE.

H. DAIB, *Chairman.*

A. VON SCHLICHTEN.

MARTIN WALKER, *Sec.*

The Committee.

L. L. L. to Solicit Special Contributions for Church Extension Fund.

To preach the Gospel of Christ for the salvation of lost sinners is the sacred work and prerogative of the Christian Church.

While the Gospel of Christ is under all conditions a power of God unto salvation, yet suitable places of worship will greatly aid in the work of the Church, as experience has amply shown. Under present-day conditions this work of the Church can barely be carried on successfully where such places of worship are not provided.

Because many of our missions, for lack of funds, must be housed in wholly inadequate and often inappropriate quarters, their progress is slow, and they *must be supported for a great length of time*. Had we sufficient funds to build chapels, schools, and parsonages, such missions would become self-supporting within a much shorter period.

The *starting* of missions in many instances is delayed for lack of funds to provide the needed quarters, and the field is lost to our Church.

If our Church Extension Fund were of adequate size to help provide our missions with suitable places of worship, with schools, and with parsonages, all mission moneys contributed by our Christians could be used in their entirety for the *preaching* of the Gospel. (It was reported at one of our synodical District conventions — see report of Atlantic District for 1925, page 69, lines 8 and 9 from top — that the greater part of the moneys at the disposal of the Mission Board had to be paid for rentals.)

The only solution of this difficulty, therefore, seems to be to provide, by special effort of some kind, an adequate Church Extension Fund, since the amounts provided for in the general, the District, and the congregational budgets are wholly insufficient for the purpose.

Now, the Lutheran Laymen's League, through its Board of Directors, hereby offers to Synod to undertake the gathering of special contributions for the Church Extension Fund, and it therefore petitions Synod: —

"That Synod authorize the Lutheran Laymen's League to solicit throughout Synod special contributions for the Church Extension Fund for a specified term of years; and

"That Synod encourage all its pastors, teachers, and congregations cheerfully to cooperate with the Lutheran Laymen's League in this blessed work."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE.

Regarding the question of enlarging the Church Extension Fund, Synod *resolved* "that the sum of \$1,500,000 be added to the budget for the next triennium, half of this amount to go to the various Districts which raise the sums."

Property Extension Fund.

(Memorial 620.)

The Local Pastoral Conference of Los Angeles and Vicinity, California, herewith submits the request to Synod that one-tenth of the amount to be granted by Synod and collected for the Church Extension Fund be designated as a Property Extension Fund and used to purchase lots and sites for newly opened missions.

Respectfully submitted by order of Los Angeles

Pastoral Conference by

Los Angeles, Cal., March 8, 1926.

C. W. BERNER, *Secretary.*

Committee Report.

Your Committee advises Synod not to commit itself on this proposition. — *Adopted.*

Transportation Department.

Report of Committee.

(German Report, p. 221.)

The Mission Conference, consisting of representatives of all our District mission boards, begs Synod to acknowledge with thanks the valuable services rendered by the members of our Transportation Department.

In view of the great benefits derived by the concessions made by the railroads we pray Synod to see to it that this department, created by Synod years ago, and which has rendered such valuable services, not only to our missions, but has saved large sums annually to Synod at large, be not hampered or rendered inefficient by associations or members of associations or members of Synod entering into transportation arrangements with roads or even asking for such concessions as are at times given to members of Synod without having previously arrived at an understanding with this Transportation Department of Synod.

That Synod by *resolution* endorse this overture of the Mission Conference. — *Adopted.*

Creating a Synodical Board for Promotion and Publicity.

(German Report, p. 221.)

During the course of the past triennium various mission boards, with the approval of the Board of Directors, appointed a Committee for Publicity and Lectures in order to coordinate and advance the publicity work for the various interests which they represent. Though in its infancy, the report from this committee shows that this co-operation has borne some fruit. We believe, however, that there is much room for improvement and for more service; but in order to accomplish this, a change in the relationship of this committee should be made.

Accordingly, we petition the Ven. Synod to create a Board for Promotion and Publicity, this board to take over the work of the present Committee for Publicity and Lectures and to have supervision over all publicity for the promotion of interest in, and support of, the mission activities and other activities of Synod, and such other publicity as may be delegated to it in the course of time. We bring this petition for the following reasons:—

1) To leave mission publicity to the various boards would not be correct in principle, as it would imply a responsibility on the part of the mission boards to raise the necessary money for their own operating expenses. This responsibility, we believe, rests upon Synod.

2) The present method leaves each board to decide the amount of money which it may properly spend for promotion and publicity. This has decided disadvantages:—

a) Large deficits will discourage adequate publicity when it is most needed.

b) It tends toward unbalanced publicity because of greater zeal on the part of one board and less zeal on the part of another. Thus it easily may happen that comparatively minor interests are much better known and understood than some which are greater.

c) The present method results in disproportionate support of various missions, not only in money raised and in personal interest, but especially as to prayers.

3) A Board for Promotion and Publicity would render valuable service in general synodical publicity by bringing to the attention of congregations the needs of educational institutions, missions, and church extension endeavors at home and abroad and of other synodical activities by means of pamphlets, lectures, charts, and exhibits. The special efforts made in connection with the Synodical Building Fund Campaign and the more recent Mission Booklet have proved their value. Such efforts, continued and expanded, under ever more experienced guidance, should prove valuable in keeping the treasuries of Synod and its Districts in a more healthy condition, to say nothing

of the increased zeal, increasing number of students and workers, and the increase of devotion and prayers for the kingdom of our blessed Savior which such promotion and publicity would produce.

The success of such a board will be measured by the appropriation that the Board of Directors will see fit to make for such work. But history and recent experience teach that we must spend money in order to raise money, and that money economically and judiciously spent is money well spent. This holds good also with regard to the kingdom of our Lord.

In His interest and for the advancement of the glory of His holy name we present this memorial for Synod's earnest consideration and action.

Respectfully submitted,

THE EV. LUTH. BOARD FOR PUBLICITY AND LECTURES.

H. F. ROHRMAN, *Chairman*.

Chicago, Ill., March 25, 1926.

GEO. L. LUECKE, *Secretary*.

After discussing this proposition with all committees on missionary matters, Committee 7 brought in the following report, which was *adopted*.

"Your Committee favored the request in Overture 515 asking for a Board for Promotion and Publicity; however, since not only a board, but a full-time man has been allowed for work of this nature, and since the work of this man and the work of the proposed board will overlap, therefore we recommend that the man to be added to the Fiscal Office be given the work and duties outlined in Overture 515 as follows: 'To take over the work of the present Committee for Publicity and Lectures and to have supervision over all publicity for the promotion of interest in, and support of, the mission activities and other activities of Synod and such other publicity as may be delegated to him in the course of time.'"

This joint committee also recommended to Synod to budget all expenses, current and extraordinary.

IV. CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS.

Intersynodical Matters.

Report of the Intersynodical Committee.

(German Report, p. 223.)

Your Committee, elected by Synod in 1923 for the purpose of continuing with other Lutheran synods the doctrinal discussions which had been in progress since 1918, herewith presents a brief report of its activity.

1. In the first place, we must report that, owing to his stay in Germany since 1923, Prof. G. Mezger, D. D., who had a prominent part in drawing up the theses on conversion and election and who is still a member of the committee, could take no part in the committee's work. Prof. W. Arndt served in his place.

2. Together with our brethren from the Wisconsin Synod we conducted a number of meetings with representatives of the Iowa, Ohio, and Buffalo synods. Meetings usually lasted three days. The collocutors realized the greatness of the duty entrusted to them, and the endeavor of all was to attain a union on the basis of God's Word.

3. Already in 1923 it was possible to report to the Delegate Synod that the collocutors of the different synods had reached an agreement in the doctrines of conversion and election. The series of theses drawn up on these doctrines was presented to Synod in that year. During the past three years these theses were really no longer the subject of discussion at the Intersynodical Conferences.

4. Since 1923 theses were discussed and adopted offering a *précis* of the longer theses on conversion and election. These theses were augmented by some sentences, which had been previously drawn up and adopted, dealing with the universal gracious will of God. Our chief task, however, consisted in discussing, and coming to an agreement on, those doctrines which had been under controversy since 1880. Theses were drawn up on the following points: The Scriptures; Our Attitude to the Lutheran Symbols; Church-fellowship; The Church; The Spiritual Priesthood; The Office of the Ministry; The Antichrist; Chiliasm; Sunday; Open Questions. To be sure, the doctrine of the Scriptures had not been under controversy among the participating synods. The committee, nevertheless, considered it necessary to declare its unity in this important doctrine. All the collocutors agreed to the theses on the enumerated doctrines, which are herewith presented to Synod.

5. We believe that the sentences now before Synod cover all doctrinal questions which have been under controversy among the participating synods. Whether the theses are adequate in all points, Synod will have to decide on the basis of the report made by the committee elected to examine the theses.

6. The question now arises whether the adoption of these theses on the part of the participating synods can be followed without more ado by a declaration of unity in doctrine and by fraternal recognition. Such, indeed, ought to be the case. In the present instance, however, we fear that further obstacles must be removed, since, for example, touching the article of church-fellowship a different conception evidently obtains in the synods concerned. At all events a different practise is followed. Still we ought to endeavor, by continued discussion, to attain unity also in those points where differences still exist.

7. We would therefore recommend not to break off negotiations with the representatives of the Iowa, Ohio, and Buffalo synods, but to continue them, so that, God willing, unity may be attained also in points still coming under consideration. We take it that the Wisconsin Synod also would again send representatives. Synod could either commission the President and the Vice-President to carry on the negotiations or again elect a special committee.

Respectfully submitted by your Committee:

J. G. F. KLEINHANS. W. ARNDT. THEO. GRAEBNER.

Report of the Committee

Elected in 1923 to Examine the Intersynodical Theses.

(Unofficial Translation.)

In 1923 Synod adopted the following recommendation of the Intersynodical Committee: "That Synod would appoint a special committee whose duty it would be to subject the documents [Intersynodical Theses] to a rigid examination. Whoever has any criticisms to make about these theses is to report his doubts to this committee, and that within the next two years. At the next convention this committee is to present the result of its examination, any possible changes, improvements, etc., to Synod." This Examining Committee has carefully examined the theses as well as the criticisms submitted and has found that the following changes* are necessary. (We have already sent our proposals to the individual pastors and teachers of Synod for examination and would herewith present them to Synod for careful consideration.)

Conversion, Thesis 3: Insert after "hostilely": "therefore maliciously in the proper sense of the term, as natural man can do nothing else than to resist in such fashion."

Note.— This addition, together with some others, has become necessary in order to ward off the statement repeatedly made since the publication of the Chicago Theses that there is a so-called malicious resistance differing in its nature and kind from the natural resistance found in every man, the former, in distinction from the latter, making conversion impossible.

Conversion, Thesis 10: We recommend the following version:—

"We therefore confess:—

"a) That conversion is solely and exclusively the work of divine grace, which man by nature only resists and only can resist, and that

* The translation of the recommendations made by the Examining Committee was prepared so as to fit the changes recommended into the official English translation of the theses on conversion and predestination published by the Rev. A. C. Haase, 14 Iglehart Ave., St. Paul, Minn., secretary of the Intersynodical Committee, January, 1923. The translation of the Examining Committee's report is not official. — P. F. B.

knowingly, willingly, and maliciously, until God overcomes the resistance by bestowing faith upon him;

"b) That non-conversion is solely and exclusively the fault of men. They are not converted because they resist God—who earnestly desires to perform and finish the work of conversion in all men—and persist in their resistance to Him."

Conversion, Antithesis 3. Strike "as resulting from the same cause" and the note. Add at the close: "on his desisting from malicious resistance or on its non-existence."

B. The Universal Gracious Will of God, Thesis 1: Strike "Eph. 1, 11." Thesis 3: Strike "Eph. 1, 9."

Add the following statement to Thesis 5: "The doctrine of the universal gracious will of God, presented in the preceding paragraphs, is in the Scriptures distinguished from the doctrine of the decree of predestination, which is presented in the following paragraphs."

Predestination, Thesis 4, should read: "Thus election, or predestination, is in *Christ Jesus* a cause which," etc.

Predestination, Thesis 5. Strike "includes * and causes"; substitute: "has as its result that."

Predestination, Thesis 6. Strike the second sentence. In sentence three strike "therefore."

Predestination, Thesis 8, par. 1. Add after "enumerated in our Confessions": "for example, that under the same grace and the equal guilt of all men some are converted and saved, others not."

Predestination, Antithesis 1. Add: "At the same time Thesis 4, Predestination Series, is held in all its implications."

Predestination, Antithesis 2, b: "Grace of election" is to be enclosed in quotation-marks. Add: "At the same time Thesis 4, Predestination Series, is held in all its implications."

Predestination, Antithesis 3: Add: "For the Scriptures teach that this is due solely to the resistance of men.—On the mystery confronting one who compares those who are saved with those who are not saved, see Thesis 8, Predestination Series."

The "statement concerning the phrase *intuitu fidei finalis*" ought to read as follows: "Besides speaking of eternal election in the form presented in the foregoing theses (which has been called the first form), the following form (called the second form) has also been used in the Lutheran Church: 'Out of pure grace God decreed from eternity that He would on Judgment Day, bestow on those of whom He, as omniscient God, foresaw that in time they would believe on Christ and persevere in faith unto the end, in view of this their faith (or as it has also been put: in view of Christ's merit apprehended by faith), the crown of glory.' Thus according to the first form elec-

* Found only in the German version of the theses.

tion would be the cause of faith, and according to the second form faith would be the presupposition of election and the deciding factor.

"Concerning this matter we take the following position":—

Point 1. Change "since" to "if." At the close of the paragraph place a dash and add: "Since it must be our endeavor, according to the Word of God, to 'speak the same thing,' every one should accustom himself to speak of election in the terms of Scripture and the Confessions, all the more so, since the Scriptural doctrine of election can in no wise be presented according to the second form." (Paragraphs 1 and 2 are thus integrated.)

Add: "2. Whereas, according to the Scriptures, our election in Christ Jesus is a cause which effects our salvation, our faith, and our perseverance (p. 9, par. 4), faith, as the presupposition of election or the deciding factor in election is thereby rejected. Employing the second form in such manner involves an error which subverts the foundation of faith."

Statement concerning the question, *Cur alii prae aliis?* Par. 2 should read: "If putting the question presupposes that according to the Scriptures there is a uniform * cause of conversion and non-conversion, of election and rejection, either in God or in men, this is to be rejected as contrary to the Scriptures. Holy Writ and the Confessions know of no uniform cause.

"However, if the question is not put in the sense that *prae aliis* involves a grace which exists only for the elect (*gratia particularis, praeteritio*), which the question itself rejects by the words 'with the same grace,' but is put with the intention of calling attention to the mystery confronting one at this point, as it is presented in the following statements, the question is in place."

The Spiritual Priesthood, Thesis 17: After "powers" insert "for example."

Thesis 18: Add: "and in this manner publicly exercises, in the name of the congregations, the office belonging to it."

Antichrist, Thesis 22: Add: "See above, D. I. 3, p. 13."

Sunday, Thesis 26: Add: "See above, D. I. 3, p. 13."

In conclusion we call attention to the following:—

That in Thesis 15, The Church, the words "this Church" were omitted after the words "there are Christians and";

That the conclusion of Thesis 24, Chiliasm, ought to read: D. I. 3;

* Synergists offer a uniform explanation of conversion and non-conversion by placing the cause of both in men. Calvinists offer a uniform explanation of conversion and non-conversion by placing the cause for both in God. See Antithesis 3, Conversion Series.

That in Thesis 8, Election Series, the following ought to be inserted after Tr. 1,080: "Where, among other things, we read: Likewise, when we see that God gives His Word at one place (to one kingdom or realm), but not at another (to another nation); removes it from one place (people) and allows it to remain at another; also, that one is hardened, blinded, given over to a reprobate mind, while another, who is indeed in the same guilt, is converted again," etc.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee:

TH. ENGELDER. RICH. NETZEL. PAUL SCHULZ.

**Official Translation of the Report of Committee 17
on Intersynodical Matters,
As Adopted by Synod.**

Synod's Committee on Intersynodical Matters has conscientiously examined the pertinent materials, as far as the time at its disposal permitted, and would recommend the following for adoption:—

1. That Synod express its joy over the fact that the conferences held by our Intersynodical Committee with those of other synods have not been in vain; rather do the theses which have been accepted and published by these committees, in a number of propositions, give expression to the true Lutheran doctrine, ward off false teaching, and may therefore contribute to the achievement of doctrinal unity.

2. It must, however, be stated that the Lutheran doctrine has not yet in all points received such expression as is clear, precise, adequate, and exclusive of all error. The changes which the Examining Committee, elected by the previous convention, has proposed, especially in the theses on conversion and predestination, are well founded. For this reason the theses cannot as yet be recommended to Synod for adoption in their present form.

3. As appears from several memorials to Synod, this fact has also been recognized in some circles of our Synod on the basis of thorough discussions at conferences. The theses, however, have not been generally examined and discussed, partly because not all circles had enough time at their disposal after the changes proposed by the Examining Committee became known. Some groups of Synod have expressly asked for more time in which to examine the theses. We also add that leaders and Districts of the Ohio Synod have publicly voiced their disagreement with the theses.

4. We, therefore, recommend that the theses, together with the proposed changes, be everywhere exhaustively discussed at pastoral conferences, and that in the interest of our own Synod. Only profit and blessing can result if everywhere we all intensively discuss doctrine, speak as one man on the controverted doctrines, and exclude all error.

5. We furthermore recommend that the same Intersynodical Committee be retained and that it continue discussions with similar committees of other synods, in much the same way as has been done hitherto, for the purpose of effecting a more exact formulation of the theses in those points to which exception has been taken, or of framing other, shorter and simpler, theses, and of removing other obstacles to which our Intersynodical Committee draws attention. To one of these obstacles our Intersynodical Committee refers in its report to Synod with the words: "Touching the article of Christian fellowship, a different conception evidently obtains in the synods concerned."

We also recommend that the same Examining Committee be continued for the purpose of receiving any additional correspondence. Both committees shall again report at the next convention.

6. Finally, we implore all Christians of our Synod diligently to beseech the Lord of the Church that a God-pleasing, perfect union in the Truth and in love be achieved to the glory of His name and the welfare of His Church.

This report was *adopted*.

Australia.

(German Report, p. 171.)

With regard to the request of the brethren in Australia that Synod call one or two professors for Concordia Seminary in Adelaide, your Committee recommends to Synod the reply that, while we should very much like to grant the request, we hardly see how it can be done, at least for the present, and therefore regretfully decline. — *Adopted*.

Finnish Ev. Luth. National Church of America.

Report of Committee.

(German Report, p. 233.)

The last convention commissioned the undersigned to continue the negotiations with the Finnish Ev. Luth. National Church of America, and they herewith present their report.

First of all we notified all our pastors who reside in the vicinity of a pastor of the Finnish National Church of the *rapprochement* of the two synods, requesting them to enter into more intimate relations with the Finnish pastors residing in their vicinity. Distance and language—a number of Finnish pastors speaking and understanding only their native tongue—prevented this in many cases. As a result of our request, however, many connections have been made, and there is a lively intercourse between these pastors of both synods. The *rapprochement* of the two synods had the following results:—

1. The mission-work of the two synods was supported in this way, that at some places the one party used the church of the other party for mission-purposes.

2. Two young men of the Finnish Synod are preparing for the ministry at our institutions, one at Springfield, the other at Bronxville. Others are in prospect.

3. Concordia Publishing House was requested to permit a translation of the small Bible History, and the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau was urgently requested to issue also Finnish tracts. Both agreed to comply with the requests, the Publicity Bureau on condition that the receipts will justify the undertaking.

4. One Finnish pastor has purchased a small printing-press with the intention of printing and distributing a number of our tracts.

5. The members of your Committee were asked by mail for explanation and advice. In a difficult congregational affair the advice of the entire committee was desired in the presence of the pastor of the congregation and its president.

In September, 1923, the practical question of woman's vote in the congregations and some other matters were discussed with the proper committee of the Finnish Synod. Since we understood no Finnish and one member of the other party understood no English, while a second member understood English but inadequately, the negotiations were stiff and unsatisfactory. We therefore agreed to continue the negotiations by mail. — Dr. Dau's opinion on woman's vote in the congregations was translated into Finnish by Rev. Wegelius, of Finland, but remained unprinted owing to lack of money. An English translation by Dr. Dau appeared in our Publishing House.

Further negotiations were interrupted by the following resolution of the Finnish Synod, June, 1924: "1. That negotiations for the union with the Synod of Missouri be discontinued and the negotiations dropped. 2. The ceasing of negotiations for union is not to be construed as a severing of friendly relations between these congregations [synods]."

At the synod in question, which convened in Port Arthur, Can., no representative of our committee was present. According to the expressions of individuals, peculiar conditions as well as the circumstance that many harbored the erroneous opinion that we sought an organic union of the two synods, prompted the resolution. We are reliably informed that many have changed their opinions, and the friendly relations and negotiations have remained unchanged. We are therefore of the opinion that our Synod ought to retain a committee for this purpose, since we may hope that in time complete unity can be attained between the two synods.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 13 Synod *resolved* to continue on our part a committee for further negotiations with the Finnish Ev. Luth. National Church of America, so that under God's blessing complete unity between the two synods may be achieved.

District Presidents as First Court of Appeal in Intersynodical Disputes.

(Memorial 403. — German Report, p. 229.)

Our prevailing practise has been to allow only the President of Synod to act in intersynodical disputes. This practise was based on the assumption that our Synod as such — not the individual Districts — was received into membership of the Synodical Conference. From this the inference was made that only the President of Synod could be recognized in intersynodical disputes.

As long as the same condition obtained in the other synods, Wisconsin and Minnesota, we had no special reason to change our practise. Conditions in these synods, however, have changed. They have united into one synod under the name of Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States with eight Districts. The presidents of these Districts act officially in intersynodical disputes.

The undersigned therefore recommend that our prevailing practise be so changed that each District president be empowered to act as first court of appeal in intersynodical disputes.

Instead of offending against our constitution, this practise, on the contrary, conforms to it; see § 12, 6. 7. This practise conforms to that of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States, whose District presidents are on a level with those of our Synod and have the same authority. Compare the Constitution of our Synod, § 12, 6—9, with the Constitution of the Districts of the Wisconsin Synod, chap. 5, No. 1.

Our reasons for this change are the following: —

1. It would very desirably relieve the work of our President.
2. No small — and needless — expenditures would be saved.
3. Quicker action, often if not always profitable, would be achieved.

4. The District president in question must act anyhow if such intersynodical dispute necessitates a suspension.

The North Wisconsin District also presented a memorial to the President of Synod, (No. 404), petitioning him to use his good offices in having the Synodical Conference determine a mode of procedure in intersynodical disputes.

Report of Committee 13.

We recommend that Synod adopt the change recommended in Memorial 403, to wit, that the District president in question be empowered to act as first court of appeal in intersynodical disputes in order to allay the dispute as soon as possible, since this does not offend against our constitution. (See § 12, 6—9.) This, in our opinion, covers also Memorial 404. We therefore recommend to Synod that the Synodical Conference determine upon a mode of procedure in intersynodical disputes.

The report of the committee was *adopted*.

Responsibility for Official Publications.

Memorial 314, presented by the Northwestern Conference of the English District, contained the following resolution: "Resolved that we make overture to the General Body for a clear-cut statement as to whether or not doctrinal positions contained in official organs of Synod and Synodical Reports are actually official teachings of Synod." On recommendation of Committee 13 Synod adopted the following answer:—

Synod is responsible for every doctrinal statement made in its official publications. If any statement be made therein deviating from the Word of God and the Confessions of our Church, every member of Synod perceiving such error is held to bring it to the attention of the responsible editors and insist upon the necessary correction.

Constitution and By-Laws of the Eastern District.

The Eastern District presented the following "Constitution and By-Laws" to Synod for its inspection, approval, or suggestions:—

Constitution and By-Laws of the Eastern District of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States.

NAME.

The Name of the Corporation shall be: *The Eastern District of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States.* Its office shall be at the address of the President of this District.

AFFILIATION.

This said Eastern District is one of the constituent Districts of the "Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States," a body incorporated in the City of St. Louis, State of Missouri, July 2, 1894, and the Constitution of said Synod is also the Constitution of this Eastern District in all matters covered by said Synod's Constitution, the latter being the condition of membership in said Synod. Compare *Synodical Handbook*, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., 1924, pp. 8 ff., Article XII.

OFFICERS.

The Officers of the District shall be as provided for by the Constitution of the Synod of which this District is a member. See *Synodical Handbook*, Article XII.

TRUSTEES.

The legal business of this District not otherwise provided for by the District itself shall be transacted by a Board of Trustees and its officers. This Board of Trustees shall consist of nine members, to wit:

the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the District, all and each of them *ex officio*; the President, the Vice-President, and the Treasurer of the District Church Extension Board, all and each of them *ex officio*; and three lay members of the District chosen at large. The members of this Board of Trustees, the majority of which shall always be lay members of the District, shall hold office for three years and shall be elected at the sessions of the District designated by the Synod for that purpose. See *Synodical Handbook*, Article XII. All the acts of this Board of Trustees shall be subject always to the direction, revision, or approval of the District in session assembled.

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES.

For the purpose of conducting certain designated work of the District, the District may, in accordance with the purposes of the Synod and in accord with the Constitution of the Synod, establish and maintain boards and committees. The members of such boards and committees shall hold office for three years and shall be elected at the sessions of the District designated by the Synod for that purpose. See *Synodical Handbook*, Article XII.

INCORPORATION.

The Eastern District is incorporated in the State of New York, May 21, 1903, and in the State of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Pa., January 22, 1923. The District may cause the incorporation of its boards and committees.

BY-LAWS.

The by-laws of the Synod, its resolutions, rules, and regulations, as well as the resolutions of this District, all and each of them as they may be passed from time to time, shall be the by-laws of this District respecting and governing the District itself, and all its boards and committees, in all matters to which such resolutions, rules, and regulations may have reference. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the District to compile and maintain a classified record of the resolutions of the District, together with a similar record of the resolutions of the Synod pertaining to the District boards and committees. This classified record of resolutions shall be published in handy form from time to time, as necessity may suggest, for the use of the District's officers, its boards and committees.

In submitting the foregoing "tentative draft" of a Constitution of the District, your Committee is conscious of the argument concerning corporations within corporations. The duty of your Committee, however, was neither organization nor reorganization, but the reduction into writing of the basis of the existing organization. A strict, legal interpretation of the foregoing Constitution may more

properly classify it in its entirety or in part as actual by-laws, when properly related to the Constitution of Synod. Be that as it may, a decision along the indicated lines must be left to the future.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONSTITUTION:

HENRY B. HEMMETER. J. K. E. HORST.
W. L. STUCKERT.

Report of Committee 13.

We recommend that Synod approve the incorporation of the Eastern District under the foregoing constitution for the following reasons: 1. Because this constitution contains nothing that is in conflict with the constitution of Synod; 2. because such a constitution frequently facilitates business transactions.

The report of the committee was *adopted*.

The Lodge Question.

Proper Lodge Practise Recommended.

(German Report, p. 235.)

At its convention in June, 1925, the Central District of Synod adopted the following resolutions:—

"1. All faithful Christians, pastors, and members of congregations must in a brotherly way admonish such pastors and congregations as are following a wrong and pernicious lodge-practise.

"2. Synod must seriously undertake to discipline such pastors and congregations as are giving offense by their wrong lodge-practise.

"3. Synod makes it the duty of every Visitor of the District to report annually at the Visitors' Conference to the President of the District regarding conditions with respect to lodge-practise in every congregation of his visiting circuit.

"4. We hold fast to the rule: No lodge-member shall be admitted to the Lord's Supper as long as he holds membership in the lodge, be it only temporarily or pending the outcome of the issue.

"5. In a case of casuistry demanding extraordinary treatment of a lodge-member, the pastor shall submit the matter to the church council, and, respectively, to his congregation, also to his Visitor, for discussion.

"6. A Lodge Information Bureau is hereby created by the District, which is to furnish information and literature concerning lodges.

"7. We fully recognize our obligation, as far as brotherly admonition is concerned, also toward those who are members of other church-bodies or Districts with which we are united in faith.

"8. The manner of procedure in such cases is regulated by the synodical stipulations that exist between members of the various Districts or the Synodical Conference. (See *Synodical Handbook*, p. 27, § 3; p. 159, § 6.)

"9. *The Central District earnestly petitions the Delegate Synod to consider above resolutions and to incorporate the principles therein expressed in appropriate resolutions of its own.*"

Pursuant to § 9 of these resolutions, our resolutions are herewith submitted to the General Body.

On behalf of the Central District,

Hammond, Ind., April 9, 1926. W. F. LICHTSINN, *Secretary*.

Only Pastors of Lodge-Free Congregations to be Elected to Synodical Offices.

Resolution adopted by the Central Illinois District, Springfield, Ill., October 7—13, 1925. (See *Proceedings*, p. 54.)

WHEREAS, Our Synod still is engaged in a struggle with the lodge evil and is making a determined effort to rid itself of lodge-members, we hold that it would weaken our stand in this matter if we had officers who serve congregations generally known to be tainted with lodgery, therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition Synod to declare its determination to elect only such men to official positions as are pastors of congregations known to be free of the lodge evil.

Chatham, Ill., March 2, 1926. E. C. WEGEHAUPT, *Secretary*.

Overture submitted to Synod by the Southern Indiana Pastoral Conference.

"WHEREAS, It is of the greatest importance that we do not allow any indifference toward the lodge evil to grow among us; and

"WHEREAS, It is ruinous to good discipline if pastors of congregations in which lodgemen are knowingly admitted to the Lord's Table hold prominent positions in our Synod (although it cannot be the purpose and intent of these resolutions to pass any judgment on the faithfulness of any individual pastor in his determined and persistent testimony against the lodge evil both in public and in private); therefore be it

Resolved, That no pastor of a congregation in which lodgemen are admitted to the Lord's Table be eligible to an executive position in Synod; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That any such pastor elected to an executive position be held in honor bound to resign his position."

Waymansville, Ind., October 21, 1925. WM. AKER, *Secretary*.

Recommendations of Committee No. 13 on the Lodge * Question.
(Overtures 407 and 408.)

"WHEREAS, Present-day conditions demand a reaffirmation of our position on the lodge question, therefore be it

1. "Resolved, That Synod go on record as being as firmly as ever opposed to lodgery because of its unchristian and antichristian character; and be it further

2. "Resolved, That we hold it to be the solemn, sacred, and God-given duty of every pastor properly to instruct his people on the sinfulness of lodgery in denying the Holy Trinity, the deity of Christ, the vicarious atonement, and other Scriptural doctrines, and to induce his congregation or congregations to take action against all members who after thorough instruction refuse to leave the lodge; and be it further

3. "Resolved, That we deem it the duty of every fellow-Christian, fellow-pastor, and especially of the officials of Synod to admonish all pastors who neglect their duty in this respect; and if Christian admonition has been administered in the spirit of Matt. 18 without the proper results, the officials of Synod shall bring such cases to the attention of the synodical District for further action; and be it further

4. "Resolved, That if congregations, after having received due instruction, refuse to take action against lodge-members, Synod shall deal with them and eventually refuse them Christian fellowship; and be it further

5. "Resolved, That Synod earnestly request the various synodical Districts to carry out the above resolutions and faithfully to assist their congregations in eradicating the lodge evil.

6. "Resolved, That we recommend to Synod that a Lodge Information Bureau be created by Synod to furnish information, advice, and literature concerning lodges; and be it further

7. "Resolved, That in order to clear up a number of questions of congregational and synodical practise, suggested by Overtures 407 and 408, which your Committee could not sufficiently consider for lack of time, and to attain that uniformity in practise which is still lacking, your Committee recommends that the President of Synod appoint a committee of nine capable and trustworthy men from various parts of Synod who shall give these questions further study and make suitable recommendations to Synod at its next session and thus assure to our whole Church the blessed fruits of such continued study and discussion of this important question; to which end also this committee shall be instructed to draw up the results of their

* By lodges we here mean secret societies having religious principles, doctrines, or rites.

deliberations and to submit them to the various larger pastoral conferences for discussion; and be it finally

8. "Resolved, That this committee be instructed also to make the necessary recommendations to cover Overture 408 regarding the election of synodical officials."

Action.

The following *resolution* was unanimously carried: "That we accept the entire set of recommendations of the committee, more emphatically reaffirming the stated principles and ordering the proposed measures carried out."

**Official Proceedings of Synod Unabridged
Also in English.**

(German Report, p. 239.)

At its regular meeting, held on March 8, 1926, the English Ev. Luth. Church of Our Redeemer, St. Louis, Mo., resolved to memorialize the Ven. Delegate Convention as follows:—

WHEREAS, English is the official as well as the business language of our country; and

WHEREAS, It repeatedly becomes necessary to produce, or place in evidence, the synodical proceedings, in which cases an abridged report of the proceedings, such as has been our wont to produce, will not serve the purpose and a German edition will not be understood; and

WHEREAS, Reliable statistics establish beyond a doubt that a substantial majority of the members of Synod to-day prefer the English language; and

WHEREAS, There are to-day a very large number of members, especially among our young people, who cannot read and understand the German language; and

WHEREAS, The fullest degree of good will and support on the part of these English-speaking and English-thinking members cannot be expected unless they are properly and sufficiently informed; finally,

WHEREAS, Such full and complete information cannot be gleaned from an abridged edition of the synodical proceedings; therefore we respectfully submit the following resolution for your consideration and eventual adoption:—

Resolved, That our official proceedings be printed in the English and in the German languages in parallel issues.

ENGLISH EV. LUTH. CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER.

St. Louis, Mo., March 22, 1926.

SAMUEL FRANTZ, *Secretary*.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 13 Synod *resolved* that the official proceedings of Synod be published complete in both languages.

At a later meeting the Secretary called Synod's attention to the fact that to print one report entirely in German and another entirely in English would result in Synod's having no official report since the originals of some committee reports were German and others English. He then recommended that the previous method be retained, namely, to publish an official report in which of necessity both languages would appear, and in addition thereto also a report entirely in English. No objection being voiced, this was taken to be the sense of the convention.

English the Convention Language.

(German Report, p. 239.)

The Southern District of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, assembled in convention at New Orleans, La., February 17—23, 1925, adopted resolutions respectfully urging upon Synod the advisability of resolving that hereafter the deliberations of its triennial conventions be carried on in the English language.

The following reasons for such a resolution by Synod are respectfully submitted for your consideration:—

1. The language of our country is English, and this is the language most generally spoken by the members of our Synod.
2. Whereas Home Mission work in our country is chiefly carried on in the English language, the adoption of English as the official language will greatly promote the expansion of our beloved Church among our English-speaking countrymen and will not prejudice its work among the foreign-tongued.
3. As long as Synod carries on its deliberations in the German language, it is difficult, and is becoming increasingly difficult, to obtain delegates for our triennial conventions.

Sincerely hoping that Synod will give this serious matter the attention due it and, furthermore, praying for God's blessings upon all of Synod's deliberations,

THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF THE EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD
OF MISSOURI, OHIO, AND OTHER STATES.

G. J. WEGENER, *President*. WILLIAM WEDIG, *Secretary*.

Recommendation of Committee 13.

The conditions of Synod have not changed materially in the last three years. Our Church is still bilingual in the true sense of the word. We, therefore, recommend that both languages be used at synodical sessions. This includes:—

1. That we have a German-English service at the opening of synod;

2. That a summary of the President's report be given also in the English language;

3. That all motions and committee reports be presented to Synod in both languages.

The recommendations of the committee were *adopted*.

Name of Synod Unchanged.

(German Report, p. 240.)

An unprinted memorial of Zion Church, New Orleans, La., petitioned Synod to strike from its official name the word "Ohio" in the interest 1) of avoiding confusion with the Ohio Synod, 2) of greater brevity, and 3) because it represented nothing characteristic.

On recommendation of Committee 13 this petition was *declined* since the present name has become thoroughly current and is employed in all official documents and reports of Synod.

Amalgamation of English District.

(German Report, p. 241.)

The question of amalgamating the congregations of the English District with those Districts in whose midst they are located was presented to Synod in 1923, and at that time referred to the English District, which presented the following report.

Report of the English District.

The English District, as requested by the Fort Wayne convention, discussed the question of amalgamation of our District with the geographic Districts of our Synod. Our District, at its last convention, adopted the following report:—

"At the convention of our District held at Cincinnati, O., in 1924, the President informed the District that he was in receipt of a communication from the Synod relating to amalgamation.

"In response thereto the President, upon resolution of the convention, appointed your Committee to give said question such earnest and serious study as the subject required and to report its finding and recommendation to the convention of 1925.

"We beg leave to report that this has been done and hereby report our finding and recommendation: We recommend that this convention respectfully communicate the following to the Ven. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States:—

"Pursuant to your honorable body's request that our English District give the matter of amalgamation earnest consideration, we beg leave to report that this has been done. At our convention in Cincinnati, in 1924, our District resolved that a committee be appointed to study the question of amalgamation earnestly and diligently and report its recommendation to our convention to be held in 1925. This committee was duly appointed and placed the following resolution before our convention at Buffalo, N. Y., which was subsequently passed by unanimous vote: 'After mature and serious study of the question of a dissolution of our District and amalgamation of our congregations with other Districts of our General Body we beg leave respectfully to reply that we cannot find in the premises a warrant for a proposal on our part for amalgamation.'"

Respectfully submitted by your Committee:

H. W. BARTELS, *Chairman.*
 BERNARD H. HEMMETER.
 G. SCHUESSLER, *Secretary.*

The question of amalgamation was brought before Synod again by the following

Memorial of California and Nevada District.

The convention of the California and Nevada District, held at Lodi, Cal., July 8 to 14, 1925, received a petition from the District Pastoral Conference to the effect "that we recommend to the General Body to take proper steps to have the English District of Synod dissolve and to request the congregations now belonging to the English District and located in the territory of the other Districts of Synod to unite with those Districts in the territory of which they are located."

"Resolved that our secretary send the following resolution to the convention of the General Body held at St. Louis, Mo., June 9 to 18, 1926:—

"WHEREAS, The majority of the congregations of the synodical Districts is now predominantly English;

"WHEREAS, Because of this fact the present arrangement of a separate English District of Synod, scattered over all parts of our country and doing its work in the territory of all the other Districts of Synod, is no longer necessary;

"WHEREAS, Greater efficiency and harmony can be attained in the work of Synod and the saving of no small amount of money can be effected; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the California and Nevada District, by unanimous vote, hereby respectfully petition the Evangelical Lutheran

Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States to take proper steps to effect the amalgamation of all congregations now belonging to the English District of Synod with the Districts in the territory of which they are located."

(Signed.) ARTHUR BROHM, *President.*
 B. W. J. LANGE, *Secretary.*

Action.

In its report, Committee 13 referred to the foregoing resolutions of the English District, which were read to Synod. The report of the committee was then received.

Division of Brazil District.

(German Report, p. 244.)

Overtures 39 and 54 (unprinted) petitioned Synod for permission to divide the Brazil District so as to form a separate Argentine District.

On recommendation of Committee 13 Synod resolved to grant the request of the brethren in South America for the reasons mentioned in the overtures.

Electors of Junior Colleges.

(German Report, p. 242.)

Memorial 33 deals with the mode of electing the electors of our junior colleges. Our constitution provides that the District in which a college is located elect the members of its Electoral Board. Synod merely reserves the right eventually to reject the election. In fact, however, it has become almost general practise only to nominate candidates for the electoral boards of our colleges, and Synod then makes a selection and consequently elects these boards. The memorial proposes that Synod resolve that the respective Districts only nominate a double slate of candidates for the electoral boards of the colleges, from which Synod then elects, or, in other words, that Synod approve the customary practise.

Report of Committee 13.

We recommend that Synod adopt the recommendation of the Constitutional Committee that also for the electoral boards of colleges the respective District present only a double slate of candidates from which Synod elects.

The recommendation of the committee was adopted and ordered to go into effect immediately. In cases where a District, having a college in its midst, has, in accordance with previous custom, elected the Electoral Board of that college with the intention of submitting it to Synod for ratification, its representatives were instructed at this convention to present an additional slate of candidates, so that Synod itself could elect the Electoral Board.

Change in By-Laws.

Report of Committee 15.

In accordance with resolutions passed at this convention, your Committee requests that the following changes be made in the by-laws to Synod's Constitution:—

Resolved, That II, F, 6, under the head "Rights and Duties of Officers," in the by-laws, be changed to read as follows: The Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference shall decide upon the annual synodical budget. The Board of Directors shall see to it that the provisions of the budget and of synodical resolutions referring to business and financial matters are carried out."

This proposed change in the by-laws was *adopted*.

Auditing Committees — Former Regulation Repealed.

In connection with the Auditors' Report, Committee 15 recommended the following resolution:—

Resolved that § 3 of the regulations for the Board of Auditors (p. 42 in the English *Synodical Handbook*) be *repealed*, and that to § 6 in the by-laws, "Duties of the President" (*Handbook*, p. 19), the following sentence be *added* after the words "elected by Synod": *Members of auditing committees shall not be members of the respective board or committee whose books they are to audit.*

This proposed change in the by-laws was *adopted*.

V. PUBLICATIONS.

Report of Concordia Publishing House.

(German Report, p. 245.)

The Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House respectfully submits the following report.

During the period covered by this report there was no change in our *personnel*; but we cannot pass without mentioning the fact that in 1924 Mr. Chas. Schroeter, who had completed thirty years of service in our Board, and for whom Synod elected a successor in 1923, died after a long illness.

Owing to the increasing volume of work we have deemed it wise to elect an assistant manager, and we consider ourselves fortunate in having secured for this position Mr. A. A. Grossmann, formerly superintendent of schools of our two Wisconsin District synods and still president of the Walther League. He entered upon his duties in November, 1924.

The three boards that cooperate with us — the Literary Board, the Juvenile Literature Board, and the Sunday-school Board — will each make their own report, and it will suffice to say that we gratefully appreciate not only their services to the cause, but also the harmonious relations that exist between each of them and us.

As our fiscal year does not close till April 30, it is impossible to submit our triennial financial report in time to be printed in this book. During the sessions of Synod this report will be distributed among the delegates and may be pasted in this volume.

On November 6, 1925, we were permitted to dedicate with simple ceremonies the new addition to our plant which Synod in 1923 authorized us to erect. Delegates and guests are cordially invited to inspect the buildings and their equipments. The new building houses the printery and bindery, the old factory building being now used for warehouse purposes. The total cost of the new building and of remodeling two of the older buildings exceeded \$500,000; but this figure includes also very considerable improvements in the mechanical equipment. The building program leaves us in debt to the amount of \$171,000 (at the present writing). We confidently hope to liquidate this indebtedness in the course of the next triennium without curtailing the usual dividends (now \$120,000) we are paying to Synod's Treasurer in regular monthly instalments.

In accordance with a resolution of 1923 ample space in our buildings has been made available for Synod's offices. We are allowed a very moderate rental for this space.

During the triennium just closed we failed to complete a book that we had promised, the *Concordia Cyclopedia of Religious Knowl-*

edge. We regret this very much, but beg to say that our editorial committee experienced much more difficulty than had been anticipated. It must also be said in this connection that Synod itself now requires very much more occasional printing than ever before, so that our facilities, even though increased, are taxed to the utmost. To add equipment before it seems reasonably certain that this heavy output will continue to be expected does not seem wise. We have also failed to produce the historical set of books ordered by Synod in 1923, but we express no regrets as a work of such consequence should not be precipitated.

Late in 1925 we finally succeeded (after over ten years of planning and experimenting) in placing on the market the first edition of the complete Bible in two living languages on parallel pages, using the two text faces most familiar in our Church. This was a costly undertaking, and our Board, after mature deliberation, has ordered the management to sell the book, at least for the present, at a price which will barely return the investment.

Space does not permit more than the enumeration of the titles of the works published, omitting, of course, all reprints, of which there are many:—

**New Publications of Concordia Publishing House
During the Triennium 1923—1926.**

- Popular Commentary of the Bible. The Old Testament, Vol. I. By Paul E. Kretzmann.
Statistical Year-Book for 1922.
Letters to a Masonic Friend. By Th. Graebner.
The Teaching of Arithmetic. By E. H. Engelbrecht and P. E. Kretzmann.
A Chart Showing the Parliamentary Rules of Order and Other Information for Conducting Meetings.
Woman Suffrage in the Church. By W. H. T. Dau.
Amerikanischer Kalender fuer deutsche Lutheraner auf das Jahr 1924.
Lutheran Annual, 1924.
Can a Christian Consistently Say, "So Mote It Be!"? By R. Kretzschmar.
Congregation's Duty to Lodge-members. By B. M. Holt.
Ungemach's Responsive Service for Christmas. Arranged by W. Wismar.
Sketches from the History of the Church. By G. E. Hageman.
Die rechte Weltanschauung. Von F. Pieper.
Following the Faith of Our Fathers. By F. Bente.
Special Problems of the Christian Day-school. By Paul T. Buszin, C. H. Seltz, A. A. Grossmann, Th. Kuehnert, and Paul E. Kretzmann.
Home Department Questions on Primary Leaflets. A New Report Card.
Synodalhandbuch der Ev.-Luth. Synode von Missouri, Ohio und andern Staaten.
Ein rechter Freundesbrief.
My Savior Lives! By H. R. Charlé.
The Baptism, or Gift, of the Holy Ghost. By P. E. Kretzmann.
Cantate! A Song Service in Commemoration of the Quadricentennial of the Lutheran Hymnal, 1524—1924. Arranged by Paul E. Kretzmann.
Popular Commentary of the Bible. Old Testament, Vol. II. By Paul E. Kretzmann.
The Lord's Prayer. Second edition. By W. Dallmann.
Statistical Year-Book for 1923.
The Destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans A. D. 70. By L. H. Becker.

- Christliche Dogmatik. Erster Band. Von F. Pieper.
From Advent to Advent. Sermons on Free Texts. By L. Buchheimer.
Selected Organ Preludes. Vols. I—VI. By H. Grote.
Synodical Handbook of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States.
The Lodge. By Carl Kurth.
Amerikanischer Kalender fuer deutsche Lutheraner auf das Jahr 1925.
Lutheran Annual, 1925.
Outlines of Lessons for Sunday-school Teachers' Institutes and Training-courses. By Paul E. Kretzmann.
Men and Missions. Edited by L. Fuerbringer. Vol. I. John Eliot. By W. G. Polack.
Our King Victorious. Words by Paul E. Kretzmann. Music by B. Schumacher.
Search the Scriptures. Graded Bible Lesson Outlines. By Paul E. Kretzmann.
Noonday Sermons. By J. W. Behnken.
Miles Coverdale. By W. Dallmann.
Games and Playground Supervision for Lutheran Schools. By Amelia C. Krug.
Christian Questions with Their Answers.
Men and Missions. Edited by L. Fuerbringer. Vol. II: Dispelling the Spiritual Gloom in South American Forests and Pampas. By Aug. Burgdorf.
Vacation Bible Schools for Lutheran Churches. By Paul E. Kretzmann.
Statistical Year-Book for 1924.
Sabbatarianism and Immersionism. By O. Boettcher.
A Last Apostolic Word to All Faithful and Righteous Servants of the Word. By C. M. Zorn. Done into English by W. F. Docter.
Which Church Shall I Join? By M. S. Sommer.
Deutsche Grammatik fuer amerikanische hoehere Schulen. Von Otto F. Hattstaedt; unter Mitwirkung von W. Schaller und E. Koehler.
Bobbs-Merrill Readers: Third and Fourth. By Clara B. and Edna D. Baker; revised and adapted by A. C. Stellhorn.
The Reformation and Its Blessed Fruits. By M. L. Gotsch.
Elementary Bible History. By Superintendents Stellhorn and Kuehnert.
Amerikanischer Kalender fuer deutsche Lutheraner auf das Jahr 1926.
Lutheran Annual, 1926.
Frohe Botschaft. Weihnachtsprogramm. Von H. M. Hahn.
Concordia Junior Bible.
Tidings of Great Joy. Christmas Recitations. By W. M. Czamanske.
Mehr Acht auf die Kinder! More Attention to the Children! (Tracts.)
Essays on Evolution. By Th. Graebner.
The Pastor as Student and Literary Worker. By Th. Graebner.
The Relation of a Congregation to Synod. By E. H. Paar.
Russellism. By Karl Linsenmann.
The Teaching of Religion. Vol. V of Concordia Teachers' Library. By Paul E. Kretzmann.
First Things First. Talks on the Catechism. By Louis Birk.
Church-membership and Lodge-membership. By Th. Graebner; translated by V. Bartling.
Bible Readings for Shut-Ins for Three Months.
Lutherans in Missouri. By R. Kretzschmar.
The Greatest Need of Our Country. (Tract.) By J. H. C. Fritz.
Holy Bible. The Concordia Bilingual Edition.
While It is Day! By Paul E. Kretzmann.
Men and Missions. Edited by L. Fuerbringer. Vol. III: Friedrich Konrad Dietrich Wyneken. By G. E. Hageman.
KFUO Tracts. No. 1: The Young People and Their Time. No. 2: The Young People and Their Home. No. 3: The Young People and Their Companions. No. 4: The Young People and Their Church. By W. A. Maier.

Biblê History References. Vol. I: Old Testament Stories. By F. Rupprecht.
 Die Bibel oder die ganze Heilige Schrift Alten und Neuen Testaments nach
 der deutschen Uebersetzung Luthers. Taschenausgabe; ohne Apokryphen.
 The Building of a Great Church. A Brief History of the Lutheran Church
 in America. By W. G. Polack.
 Studies in the Psalter. By O. W. Wismar.
 Good Manners for Boys and Girls. By Amelia C. Krug.
 A Power unto Salvation. A Collection of Sermons on the Bible. By O. C.
 A. Boecler, M. S. Sommer, J. H. C. Fritz, W. Arndt, and W. A. Maier.
 Does the Bible Contradict Itself? A Discussion of Alleged Contradictions
 in the Bible. By W. Arndt.
 Confessional Addresses by Lutheran Pastors. (In preparation.)
 Daily Bread, or Home Devotions. By F. E. Pasche. (In preparation.)

Regarding the English hymn-book which Synod inherited from the former English Synod in 1911, and which by common consent, though never by express action, has become the adopted standard English hymnal of our Church, there is occasional dissatisfaction. Some criticize the selection of hymns, both as to texts that are included and that are omitted; some criticize the predominance of German-origin tunes, while others criticize the presence of other than German-origin tunes; some criticize the inclusion of the responsive readings, while others object to our offering an edition without responsive readings. There is also wide difference of opinion as to the liturgical order of service. Our conclusion is that we never shall get a hymn-book that will entirely satisfy all of our patrons. The plates from which these hymn-books were printed, especially the Word Edition, will just about stand one more run, which will be going over the presses at about the time when Synod convenes and satisfy the market till about 1927. A new set of plates must, accordingly, be provided, if Synod does not choose to make a change with reference to this hymn-book. We do not recommend a change, but we desire that Synod carefully consider this matter.

In this connection Synod will be wise to consider the proposal which very probably has been made by a volunteer committee of several Lutheran organizations in the western part of our country, aiming at a unified Lutheran hymnal, capable of adoption by any Lutheran synod. The plan is to provide a selection of hymns that will be approved by a representative committee of each synod; but each synod is to have its own individual liturgical section. Concordia Publishing House had no right officially to share in the work of this committee, but we have deemed it wise to maintain an advisory representation on this committee ever since the very inception of the book, and we have all reason to believe that the texts of the hymns, also the selection of the tunes, will be quite satisfactory to the Missouri Synod. We also believe that in this way a hymn-book can be provided at a very reasonable cost, and we believe that exchange arrangements can be made which will be satisfactory to the

congregations that may elect to adopt the proposed new hymn-book in exchange for any one of our hymn-books now in use. We must not fail to say, however, that we would not welcome the addition of a new hymn-book, though we might welcome the substitution of a new hymnal for one or several of our present hymn-books. At the present time we must still furnish the old gray hymn-book, the old Pittsburgh hymn-book, and the 1911 ("standard") hymn-book.

The binding of the present Word Edition has been a source of considerable dissatisfaction. We are pleased to say, however, that we are now prepared to furnish a binding which by actual test is several times as strong as the old one. The new binding will be on the market by the fall of this year.

Synod's committee should also weigh very carefully the proposal made to us to supplant the Schwan Catechism with a new catechism. The desire for a new form of catechism has given rise to the publication, in an unofficial way, of several substitutes for Schwan, and the uniformity of our catechetical instruction, which Synod regards as an eminently desirable feature, is seriously threatened. It may seem opportune to celebrate the quadricentennial of Luther's Enchiridion (1929) by the publication of a new synodical catechism.

It is recommended that Synod earnestly consider a simplification in our periodical business. The *pros* and *cons* for merging several of our periodical publications should be weighed, for instance, the *Pioneer* (missionary paper) into the *Witness* (enlarged) and the *Missionstarube* into the *Lutheraner*. Very earnest consideration should be given to the merging of *Lehre und Wehre* and the German part of the *Magazin* into one German-language professional theological paper and the *Theological Monthly* and the English section of the *Magazin* into one English-language theological professional paper. Our representatives will be pleased to furnish the committee of Synod with relative information.

The recommendation made by Dr. Fuerbringer in the *Lutheraner* (No. 5, 1926) with reference to the publication of the *Synodalberichte* deserves earnest consideration. The *Synodalbericht* in its present form is unsatisfactory to all concerned.

We recommend that a more serious effort be made to place our church-papers, *Der Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness*, into every home in our Synod. We are also of the opinion that many more of the excellent books and booklets published by us could be sold, if our members would, more generally and more frequently than this is being done, have their attention directed to them and be urged to purchase them. To serve their purpose, church-papers and books must be read.

In conclusion we call attention to the fact that the term of office

of three directors of our Board has expired: Mr. Theo. Kuehnert (a member of the teaching profession), Dean John H. C. Fritz (a member of the clergy), and Mr. H. Luehrmann (a layman).

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. C. FRITZ, *Secretary.*

Report of Committee 14.

By the grace of God, Synod is in possession of a very great publishing house, which for many decades has been an inestimable blessing, not only for our own Synod, but also for many thousands outside of our circles. According to the regulations of Synod the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House is required to hand in every three years a written report concerning its activity and concerning its activity and concerning the condition of the business. This report for the last triennium is found in Overture 501. The business is flourishing. Three years ago the worth of Concordia Publishing House was \$963,056.59; the net present worth is \$1,176,177.33. In the past year a new addition to the plant was erected. The total cost of the new building and of remodeling two of the old buildings exceeded \$500,000, of which all has been paid with the exception of \$171,000, a debt which does not weigh heavily on the Publishing House. The net gain in the past triennium was \$533,120.74. Of this sum \$320,000, namely, \$200,000 in the first two years and \$120,000 in the past year, has been turned over to the Synodical Treasury. The last issue of the *Lutheran Witness* contained the following certificate of audit: "The undersigned Auditing Board of Synod has received, and after thorough examination has accepted as entirely satisfactory, the report of audit made by our certified public accountants covering the administration of Concordia Publishing House for the year ending April 30, 1926, and covering the administration of Mr. E. Seuel as General Treasurer of Synod for the year ending January 31, 1926.

(Signed.) "ED W. JAEGER, *Chairman.*

"ARNOLD F. ABEL.

"WM. SCHLAKE."

The following *resolutions* were passed regarding the report of the Publishing House:—

1. Synod expressed its grateful appreciation to the Board and Mr. Seuel for the expert management of the business and congratulated the Board on having secured the needed help for the General Manager by the appointment of a capable man, Mr. A. A. Grossmann, as assistant.

2. Synod especially commended Concordia Publishing House for finally succeeding in placing on the market the first edition of the complete Bible in English and German on parallel pages.

3. Synod resolved to retain the *Ev. Luth. Hymn-book* of 1911, to

make only the most necessary corrections, and to embody in the new edition the set of versicles which Concordia Publishing House is now printing separately.

4. Publication of the old gray hymnal was ordered discontinued as well as of the old Pittsburgh hymnal, as soon as the English District has given its consent.

Revision of Catechism.

Revision of Enchiridion and "Exposition."

(Memorial 505.)

With a view to the forthcoming four-hundredth anniversary of the first publication of Luther's Small Catechism, one of those outstanding Reformation undertakings which certainly deserves fitting commemoration; and with a view to certain catechetical needs of to-day, needs that make themselves increasingly felt by those who must teach this Catechism to the American youth, Synod is hereby petitioned to direct its publication authorities (the faculties of our theological seminaries and the Board of Directors of Concordia Publishing House) —

1. To make earnest and patient efforts to collaborate with the sundry Lutheran church-bodies in America, — particularly with those that work extensively in the English language, — so that a *uniform and standard English translation* of this Catechism may be issued;

2. To edit, or cause to be edited, such a revision of Schwan's "Short Exposition" of the Catechism as will be less technically theological in its verbiage and more in popular diction and understandable for children and catechumens generally.

In support of these two propositions the following might be added:—

Ad 1. Though it is well known that Dr. Luther himself revised the Small Catechism from time to time, so that in his day and after his death several slightly differing versions may have been extant, yet it appears that in its German form this Catechism soon became well standardized. Among *German* Lutherans there is a uniformly accepted text. Unfortunately this is not so when it comes to the English translation. Here we find a variety of texts accepted by the various synods, the variants appearing very pronouncedly in the several versions of the Decalog. And, in addition to that, there is a constant divergence in the English diction of the several and sundry translations, even where the translators worked with a uniform original. To mold these various translations and versions into one common standard text will be a considerable task, but it is worth a sincere, patient, and persistent effort, with the forthcoming anniversary (A. D. 1929) adding impetus to such effort. Already in 1917 a proposal for such a uniform English text was made, but it was

launched too late and too feebly. Many petty prejudices and predilections will have to be overcome, and it is none too soon for the preliminary overtures.

Ad II. Our synodical "Short Exposition" of the Catechism, commonly called "Schwan's Catechism" (in honor of Dr. Schwan, its anonymous author), came out about thirty years ago as a German text-book of Lutheranism for parish-schools and confirmation classes. It supplanted the "Dietrich," which had, prior to that time, been in general use. The reasons for the change then were very much the same as those that are now and herein urged in behalf of a revision of "Schwan," viz.: "Dietrich," being very technical in its phraseologies, had become too difficult, too heavy, for a generation whose German conversation had changed to simpler forms. Even so "Schwan," in its heavy English translation, is to-day (and really always was) above the heads of the masses and their vocabulary. It is extremely difficult to make some of the answers clear to present-day catechumens who have not the German background and do not know the German language. Such words as "invoke" (Qu. 22), "impute" (Qu. 196), "adorn" (Qu. 27), "desecrated" (Qu. 52), "concreated" (Qu. 95), "admitting to the Sacrament those only who have been previously explored" (Qu. 351), etc., etc.,—such words and phrases are often too enigmatic even for tenth-grade scholars. And even where the words are relatively plain, the sense is, at times, obscure. The answer to Qu. 20, for instance, is positively unintelligible. Almost invariably Luther's text is simpler and easier than the "exposition" of that text. There is no gainsaying the fact that a smoother English in a simpler "exposition" is a need of the hour,—either a thoroughly revised "Schwan" or a totally new text-book.

Submitted with the endorsement of the
Chicago English Conference by

March 2, 1926.

THEO. J. GESSWEIN.

Revised Edition of Our English Synodical Catechism.
(Memorial 506.)

The monthly Pastoral Conference of Los Angeles and Vicinity, at its regular meeting on March 2, 1926, passed a resolution to submit to Synod the following overture:—

That Synod publish the English translation of our Synodical Catechism (Schwan) in an edition de luxe on occasion of the quadricentennial of Luther's Small Catechism;

That the translation in this new edition appear revised and corrected according to tried and approved pedagogical standards.

A. Improvement of language is needed.

B. Sound pedagogy especially requires a simplification of the Catechism. A university professor who made a study of our Cat-

echism stated that it was a book for high school juniors. We are using it for grammar school and freshman capacity. Besides, the Catechism is not only to be used by children trained in the parochial schools, but should also be suited to the needs of such as have not attended them.

C. This revision should in some instances also include a new selection of proof-texts. We refer to Bible-passages which in their English form do not satisfactorily, or at least not so clearly, prove what the same texts in German prove very plainly. In cases of this kind the remedy is to substitute such English texts as clearly prove the respective truths.

D. It might be suggested that statements pertaining to the lodge and to dancing might be added.

E. Suggestion to use the sign of the cross, the form of the private confession, etc., should be omitted.

By ample experience we and many others know this revision to be in fact urgently needed; no doubt, therefore, it would prove of great benefit.

By order of above-named conference,

Respectfully,

Los Angeles Co., Cal., March, 1926.

H. OSTERHUS.
W. G. RUEHLE.

The report of Concordia Publishing House also called attention to the importance of the suggestion of revising the Catechism and mentioned the fact that several unofficial substitutes for Schwan had been published.

Report of Committee 14.

1. Without losing sight of the fact that only Luther's text of the Catechism is part of our Confessions, it is nevertheless to be deplored that within the Synod private editions of expositions of the Catechism have been printed and are being circulated.—*Adopted.*

2. Whereas a demand for a revision or a *substitute edition* of our Catechism (Schwan) is manifest and not entirely unwarranted from the overtures before your Committee, we therefore recommend to Synod to appoint as a committee of five the ranking professor in Catechetics in each of our Seminaries in St. Louis, Springfield, River Forest, and Seward, and a representative of the teaching profession to be selected by Synod's School Board; that this committee be instructed to seek the advice of individual pastors and teachers, or conferences of pastors and teachers, with respect to a revision of, or a substitute, or substitutes by graded editions, for the Schwan Catechism; and that Concordia Publishing House be instructed to print and publish such substitutes or revisions of Schwan's Catechism in accord with Synod's regulations as soon as this committee shall have fully made up its mind that the matter is ripe for action.—*Tabled.*

3. This committee shall also earnestly consider the recommendation contained in Memorial 505, 1: to make an earnest and patient effort to collaborate with the sundry Lutheran church-bodies in America, — particularly with such as work extensively in the English language, — so that a uniform and standard English translation of the Catechism may be issued. — *Tabled.*

4. That Synod recommend to the Board of Directors or Concordia Publishing House the publishing of a *de luxe* edition of the Enchiridion for the four-hundredth anniversary of Luther's Catechism. — *Rejected.*

Amalgamation of Synod's Periodicals.

(German Report, p. 254.)

Besides being touched upon in the Report of the Board of Concordia Publishing House, the proposition to amalgamate certain publications of Synod was endorsed by the following memorial.

Memorial 3.

At the last convention of Synod our periodicals received considerable attention. Proposals to consolidate some magazines and to enlarge the official organs were considered. Undeniably, our periodicals profited thereby; commendable features have been introduced or elaborated as a result of these discussions. Confident that further improvements in the field of our publications are possible and desirable, affording opportunities for the saving of thousands of dollars annually, which are so sadly needed in our budget treasury, our congregation respectfully submits the following suggestions, praying that these be adopted in whole or in part if considered feasible: —

1. Combine *Homiletisches Magazin* and *Lehre und Wehre* with the *Theological Monthly* under the title of the last-named. Make a bilingual magazine of 80 to 96 pages. Departmentize it. The margin should be generously large the better to permit the making of notes. Editorial work will be lightened by the elimination of practically parallel book reviews. Mailing-lists are expensive; two would be eliminated.

An advertising section should be appended; in binding the magazine, this section can readily be removed. Pastors can reasonably expect their magazine to advise them of constantly appearing devices and helps to lighten their work and increase their efficiency and to give them addresses of church architects, organ-builders, bell-foundries, Communion wine distributors, typewriter agencies, printers, etc. This section would be a source of considerable legitimate revenue.

All three magazines should be in the hands of every pastor. At present they total \$6. The answer of our pastors to this price is found in the number of subscribers for each. The combined magazine

could be furnished for \$2.50 per annum or less. On the basis of three thousand circulation this computation for 96 pages is made according to prices in Cedar Rapids, figuring composition and printing at \$500 a month, postage per year at \$600, and the cost of one mailing-list at \$75 a month. This price is for a sewed magazine, stapling being still cheaper. Income from advertisers is not included in these figures.

2. The *School Journal* should likewise carry an appended advertising section of things of interest to schoolteachers, school boards, organists, and choir leaders. A declaration should be made by Synod which would be an invitation to the American Luther League to use the *Journal* as its official publication, as the *Witness* and *Lutheraner* were opened to the Lutheran Laymen's League, whereby a goodly number of pages would be given over to these friends of Christian education. Thereby the *Lutheran Layman* would be removed from our reading tables, while the *Journal* would receive the benefit of several thousand present subscriptions now being paid for the *Layman* and could be furnished for half of what the *Journal* now costs. The title of the magazine should indicate the combination, which, if found to work out unsuccessfully, could be dissolved. The spreading of the contents of the *Journal* would increase among our people the appreciation of the work and problems of our schools and teachers and thus be very helpful to the cause.

3. The *Young Lutherans' Magazine* should be combined with the *Concordia Junior Messenger* under the title of the latter, noting the combination. Departmentize the magazine according to the ages of the young readers. Increase the number of pages. Carry as advertising the things carried by our Publishing House and advertisements of our colleges, high schools, and hospice homes. Encourage more liberal use of illustrative matter, specific cuts as well as ornamental embellishments; discourage excessive or nearly exclusive use of perennial stock illustrations. One mailing-list would be eliminated here.

4. Our missions should be still better and strikingly presented by increasing the *Witness* and *Lutheraner* by eight to sixteen pages, every mission being assigned one or more columns in which the missionaries present by work and picture their fields, as the *Deaf Lutheran* at present presents the work of the missionaries to the deaf. And our official organs should in the department of missions not only supply articles for popular interest, but even technical material should be presented, written by and for the workers in the field. These give the very best insight into the work and problems of the missionaries. The excellent handling of illustrative matter in the missionary pamphlet *Matheteusate* and in *Paving the Last Mile* offers fruitful suggestions for the layout of the pages on missions in all our publications.

5. While the *Lutheraner* and the *Witness* would probably need full-time editors, each department of the other combined publications could have its responsible editor, thus diminishing the work of the individual.

Every magazine should have an exhaustive table of contents.

A magazine in a cover is fifty per cent. more attractive.

Our publications could be materially improved by effective illustrative embellishments in keeping with their high-class contents. In the interest of economy and yet efficiency and attractiveness one illustrations subeditor for all except technical publications should be appointed. Pictures make attractive, and attractiveness brings first orders and invites careful study of contents. Once the high-class contents are recognized, you have gained loyal subscribers.

May our publications ever be better fitted to serve the Lord's great cause!

Respectfully submitted by Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

N. P. UHLIG, *Pastor*.

WM. J. KIRCHHOFF, *Secretary*.

The foregoing memorial was supported by the Sioux City Special Conference, assembled at Hanover, Iowa, April 6—8.

Report of Committee 14.—Action.

Your Committee recommends that the three professional magazines, *Theological Monthly*, *Lehre und Wehre*, and *Homiletic Magazine*, be merged into one bilingual monthly of 80 to 96 pages.—Resolved to *postpone action* until the next convention.

Two additional recommendations of Committee 14, based on the unprinted Memorial 31, that the *Pioneer* be merged with the *Lutheran Witness* and the *Missionstaube* with *Der Lutheraner*, provided the Synodical Conference gives its consent, and that no changes be made at this time in minor publications, were *tabled*.

Committee 14 concluded its report with the words: "In conclusion we pray our heavenly Father that we may always use the printing-press to His glory and to the welfare of our fellow-men and thus achieve the real end and aim for which our Publishing House was founded."

Advance Payment of Synodical Publications.

Memorial 617.

The Atlantic District, assembled in Meriden, Conn., in May, 1925, resolved to petition Synod to reconsider the rule that "Concordia Publishing House shall insist that all periodicals be paid in advance" (*Synodical Handbook*, p. 96) and ask Synod to resolve "that

hereafter three months' grace to renew subscriptions be granted, as the law permits."

Respectfully submitted for the Atlantic District,

March 5, 1926.

KARL KRETZMANN, *Secretary*.

On recommendation of Committee 14 Synod resolved to retain the cash-in-advance policy, that therefore all periodicals be paid in advance.

Publication of Synodical Reports.

Memorial of Ontario District.

At the Elmira convention, in 1924, the Ontario District resolved to recommend to Synod that, if the Synodical Reports can no longer be published in the old way, they be issued as Part II of the *Statistical Year-Book* with a short *résumé* or outline of the essay. The manuscripts of the essays should be deposited in the Synodical archives to make them available for publication in cheap pamphlet form after selection has been made by the proper authorities and for inspection by the Synodical Conference.

Memorial of Oregon and Washington District.

Whereas the present mode of publishing our Synodical Reports is proving unsatisfactory, the Oregon and Washington District would like to make the following recommendations:—

1. That, as formerly, the reports of the individual Districts be published by Concordia Publishing House;
2. That a report appear every two weeks;
3. That no report exceed a spread of 36 pages. Should a District wish to exceed this number, it must bear the extra expense;
4. That the report of a volume be enlarged so as to include the President's Report;
5. That the subscription price do not exceed \$3 a year;
6. That District presidents and visitors diligently encourage all pastors, teachers, and professors to subscribe for all Synodical Reports and with proper diligence provide for the distribution of their own Synodical Reports among the laity of their circles.

Memorial of Eastern District.

"It is our opinion that Concordia Publishing House was established by our spiritual fathers not primarily for financial profits, but for the service of the Church, and that obvious violations of this principle, also through resolutions of Synod, have resulted in a loss both in *morale* and in spirituality within our Synod, as, for instance, in the case of the rule with respect to the discontinuance of the old method of distribution of the *Synodalbericht*. The conference is of the conviction that the tonic effect of the *Synodalbericht* upon the ministry alone would have justified any financial loss incurred by the

old method, not to say anything of a similar effect upon what has been the religious stamina of our congregations. We are of the conviction that the *Synodalbericht* without the *Referat* will vitally depreciate the *Synodalbericht* as to its tonic effect and will involve an accommodation to the spiritual decline, which ought to be counteracted. We ask that the old method, referred to above, be restored."

Action.

Synod resolved:—

1. That the publication of all District Proceedings be left to each District;
2. That when Synodical Reports are published outside of Concordia Publishing House, the doctrinal essay must first be submitted to the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, for approval;
3. That all Districts which publish a separate report be, and herewith are, encouraged to publish it through Concordia Publishing House, because then the manuscript will be submitted to the faculty for approval and thus rank as a publication of Synod; secondly, because in this way we patronize our own Publishing House; and, finally, because then the customers will receive reports of uniform size and style.

"Statistical Year-Book."

Memorial 513.

In compliance with resolutions adopted by the Thirty-first Convention of Synod at Detroit in 1920, an annual edition of the *Statistical Year-Book* has been published by Concordia Publishing House. In further compliance with these resolutions, invoices covering the losses incident to such publication were submitted to Synod. These losses, as represented by the invoices submitted, were as follows:—

1921: \$1,287.10 1922: \$1,436.92 1923: \$1,685.90 1924: \$1,150.61

The cost of compiling the *Statistical Year-Book* is borne directly by Synod through the Statistical Bureau. Hence the loss, covered by the invoices submitted, is the direct result of manufacturing and marketing the book.

Your Board of Directors believes that part of this expenditure can be avoided and the cause still be served by publishing these statistics in alternate years. We therefore suggest that Synod adopt the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the *Statistical Year-Book* be published biennially and that the next issue be published in 1928.

Respectfully submitted by your Board of Directors,

M. F. KRETZMANN, *Secretary*.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 14 Synod resolved to continue the annual publication of the *Statistical Year-Book*.

Report of the Literature Board.

Very soon after its election this Board organized, the undersigned being elected chairman and the Rev. L. Buchheimer, secretary. Immediately thereupon your Board took up the matter with which Synod charged us, namely, the republication in the English language of the best material that has been published in the German *Synodalberichte*. We have engaged a number of brethren, who are now at work upon a part of this material. Beyond this we have examined a large number of manuscripts, approving or disapproving for publication after careful examination by one or more members of the Board. In every case where expert advice was needed, we had the manuscript submitted to those brethren in our Synod whose profession and life-work enabled them to give us reliable opinions upon the quality of the particular manuscript. The cheerful cooperation of these brethren aided us no little in accomplishing our task.

We repeatedly discussed the publication of a large, exact, and exhaustive history of the Lutheran Church in this country, together with a compendium based upon this larger work; but since this matter is an undertaking which requires careful planning and advisers were of conflicting opinions, we have not yet perfected our plans for this publication. We are still considering a number of men who might be engaged for this work.

At present a number of books are in preparation. Of these we shall mention only the following:—

The Distinctive Doctrines of the Lutheran Church, with authentic quotations from our confessional literature and the writings of other church-bodies.

The Book of Job, an English treatment based upon the work of Prof. L. Fuerbringer, D. D.

The Teacher's Problems. A Discussion of Extracurriculum Work of the Teacher and the School.

An English *Dissertation upon the Law and the Gospel*, based upon, and following, Dr. Walther's German treatise of that name.

Delays are caused at times by the interference of other duties, sickness, etc., which prevent an author from completing his task in good time. During the last triennium, moreover, Concordia Publishing House moved into its new quarters and introduced much new machinery. This also caused some delay. At present Concordia Publishing House has gotten out all those publications which were undertaken before the present Board was elected. The report of Concordia Publishing House, p. 159, will show which publications have issued from its presses.

MARTIN S. SOMMER, *Chairman of Literature Board*.

St. Louis, Mo., March 1, 1926.

Speeding Up the Publication of English Theological Works.

(Memorial 511.)

On behalf of the Central District of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States I submit the following resolution adopted by the District at its convention held in June, 1925, to wit:—

"We urge Synod's publication Board of English Literature to carry out Synod's resolution of 1923 in regard to supplying the need for sound theological works in the English language as speedily as possible." — *Proceedings of Central District, 1925, pp. 79. 80.*

Respectfully submitted,

Hammond, Ind., March, 1926.

W. F. LICHTSINN, *Secretary.***Action.**

On recommendation of Committee 14 Synod *resolved* to receive the report of the Literature Board in grateful appreciation of its work. It expressed the hope that in the future the Board would be able to speed up the publication of sound theological works in the English language.

Apocrypha to be Omitted from Our Bible Editions.**Memorial 512.**

Since experience has shown that many regard the Apocrypha as the Word of God because they are bound in one volume with the Bible; since this fact also conveys the impression that they really belonged to the Sacred Writings; since, furthermore, they not only do not belong in the Bible, but, as has been proved, contain false doctrine, so that offense has been given by incorporating them in editions of the Bible, — the undersigned petition Synod to instruct Concordia Publishing House in future no longer to bind the Apocrypha with the Bible. Interested persons could obtain them in a special volume. A. C. WAECHTER. B. H. ERGANG. KARL F. TRUENOW.

Urdinarrain, Entre Rios, Argentina, October 11, 1924.

Action.

On recommendation of Committee 14 Synod *resolved* that in future Concordia Publishing House carry in stock German Bibles with and without the Apocrypha, but such with Apocrypha shall be furnished only when specifically demanded.

Young People's Work.**Report of Juvenile Literature Board.**

(German Report, p. 263.)

According to the regulations of this Board, its duty consists "in selecting from the mass of English and German books and writings for young people the best and worthiest. If in certain departments

and subjects no books suitable for our children should be available, the Board is to set itself the task of producing such books or of causing them to be produced." In accordance with this charge the Board set itself the task of carefully examining the German and English stock of our Publishing House as well as the entire juvenile literature in both languages and to report its findings to Concordia Publishing House.

The experience of your Board justifies the opinion that the Church must indeed watch lest the good seed which was sown in school and in confirmation instruction be speedily destroyed by ensnaring reading-material, serving worldliness and preaching false morals, if not immorality.

The first report (1917) showed that the Board had read 775 books by March, 1917. March, 1920, this number rose to 1,657; and in April, 1923, to 2,071. To date the number of books read amounts to 2,524. One-third of these was found unfit. A large number of the suitable books were not recorded in the list appended to the Catalog of Concordia Publishing House, partly because they are German stock, the importation of which was interrupted by the World War and partly because they are out of print.

The Board is of the opinion that far too little work has been done as far as the history of our Synod is concerned, *e. g.*, as to sketches of its past, narratives into which a description of Lutheran congregational life as well as of characters from older synodical history are woven. Future juvenile writers would find this a fertile field.

Action.

Synod adopted the following recommendations of Committee 14:—

1. We voice our appreciation of the excellent work that has been accomplished by this board and encourage the members of Synod to avail themselves extensively of the book list prepared by this Board, especially when books for schools and young people's libraries are to be selected.

2. We recommend that the scope of the Juvenile Literature Board be enlarged so as to include also literature for adults.

Report of Board for Young People's Work.

(German Report, p. 264.)

The Board for Young People's Work elected at the last convention of the Delegate Synod held regular meetings to the number of twenty-two during the three years. Besides, members of our Board frequently met with the Executive Board of the Walther League in an advisory capacity. Members also attended the national convention of the League. This was a part of our work, since at these meetings

recommendations are sometimes made which affect the Church or Synod. A number of articles were written for the *Witness and Lutheran*, a very important and timely one only recently.

The Juvenile Board did not begin its work with any prepossession in favor of the Walther League. It has carefully weighed the dangers which are involved in organizing young people's societies into larger bodies. But by intimate contact with the work of the League headquarters and with local societies it has become convinced that the trust voiced by the synodical resolution of 1920 (*Delegate Synod Report*, p. 159), when our Synod "gratefully acknowledged the labors of the Walther League" and wished it God's blessings, was not misplaced.

We are glad to report that there has ever been perfect harmony between your Board and the officers of the Walther League. We feel confident that these earnest Christian leaders of our large organization of young people have the best interests of the Church and of the young people at heart. They unselfishly sacrifice much valuable time to attend to the League's business. Your Board has been consulted by them in every important undertaking which was not purely of an internal nature. There can be no question that the League is doing much to awaken a Lutheran Christian consciousness in our young people, that it is helping to train them to lay leadership; to promote Bible study; to spread mission information; to keep them with the Church and to take an active part in all work of the Church. This is valuable service. While it may be possible to pick flaws, we believe that even the most carping critic will find the bulletins, heralds, and convention reports published by the various young people's societies, on the whole, not only sound in doctrine, but very conservative in the methods proposed by them for their participation in the work of the Church. The spiritual note is never absent. A study of these papers extending over more than five years has failed to reveal any unwholesome tendencies, any questionable practices, any attempt to exalt the society above the congregation or to place one in competition with the other.

Locally there may be defects in a society. Individuals may transgress the law. However, the whole organization cannot be held responsible for this and condemned. That there is room for improvement none will deny. But the good that has been accomplished seems to justify the wish expressed in a synodical resolution (1923, p. 162) recommending that all congregations having no young people's society at once organize one and that all societies cooperate with the League.

It is not our intention to imply that only the Walther League societies are able to train their young people toward proper attitudes with reference to the life of the spirit and the work of the Church.

Sound home-training, supplemented by a Christian day-school and pastoral attention to the young people after their confirmation, will even in the absence of any organized effort keep our people faithful to the Church and active in the Lord's work. But it cannot be denied that the program of the Walther League and the personal influence of its officers have been a powerful incentive to foster that spirit and to encourage those activities which our pastors and teachers have ever been urging upon our young people. We have throughout our congregations many earnest young people. The work of Gospel-preaching and Christian instruction has not been in vain.

If our report could stop here, no one would be better pleased than the Board for Young People's Work. While it is true, on the one hand, that our young Christians have progressed in their testimony of the Lutheran faith and in sacrifices for the kingdom of God, it is also true, on the other hand, that worldly-mindedness, the love of pleasure, and even looseness of morals have become shockingly apparent among our young people within recent years. If the modern age has produced a crop of young people who are irresponsible, selfish, pleasure-mad, and money-crazed, we have our share of them. It seems to the Board that conditions are so alarming that the work among our young people cannot be overemphasized. The literature read by many of our boys and girls is filled with ideas and suggestions of all that is vile and vicious and brutish. The modern dance is indulged in in some of our homes. The modern theater is regularly visited. When the speech and conduct of Christian young people begins to reflect the habit and thought acquired at such places, it is time that we consider means for effectively opposing these evils.

In viewing conditions as they have developed and are beginning to multiply, the Board for Young People's Work has been careful to distinguish between that which is common to our imperfect Christian life in all ages and that which is peculiar to our own day. There has never been a time when Christian young people were perfect. There have ever been lapses, offenses, and even scandals. But to rejoice in the progress made and not point out the dark side of the picture would hardly be serving the cause of the young people and of Synod.

We believe congregations would do well to make the interests of the young people their own, to do all in their power to provide suitable meeting-places, and in every way to encourage them in their work for the Church and their entertainment. Money thus spent is a good investment. We believe Bible study, supplemented by pastoral admonition, and the solicitous care for the individual young Christian are a God-given means which we have for the building up of the young Christian. Wherever these means are supported by a truly Christian home life, there is every reason why a youth strong in every Christian virtue should continue to grace our congregations. Where

the influence of the Christian home is lacking, decay will be added to decay and rottenness to rottenness, despite all that our Synod and its pastors can do. The future of our young people is distinctly "up to" their parents.

And since the future of our Church depends, to no little degree, on our young people,—as our growth will come not so much from what we gain as from what we hold,—your Board respectfully, but urgently submits *the recommendation that henceforth a course in young people's work be given both at our theological seminaries and at our normal schools.* In this wise we believe pastors and teachers will, even better than in the past, be enabled to do an important work of their office, that of holding the young people God has given us.

May God give us a consecrated youth, ever ready to stand up for Jesus and to serve Him in Church and home! May His blessings rest on our efforts in their behalf!

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

AUG. G. MERZ, *Chairman.*

THEO. GRAEBNER, *Secretary.*

Report of the Committee.

Your Committee has carefully studied the report of the Board for Young People's Work. This report pictures conditions very disconcerting, proving that the importance of work among the young people cannot be emphasized too much and that our congregations ought to do more for the young people, the future voting and working members of the Church, than has been done hitherto.

Your committee recommends:—

1. That the report of the Board for Young People's Work appear in full in the Proceedings;
2. That the attention of Synod be directed to the resolutions of the Fort Wayne convention in 1923 (Proceedings, pp. 51. 52; Synodalbericht, p. 161);
3. That, when working with the young people, especial attention be devoted to the newly confirmed;
4. That the official publications of Synod more frequently call attention to the importance of work among the young people;
5. That Synod adopt the report of the Board for Young People's Work to arrange for a course in young people's work at our theological seminaries and normal schools;
6. That the Board for Young People's Work be instructed to find ways and means of executing this resolution in the best feasible way and make recommendations to the faculties of the seminaries and normal schools.

The recommendations of the committee were *adopted.*

Resolutions on Young People's Work Passed at Fort Wayne, 1923.

(Reprinted from Proceedings of 1923.)

1. We fear that in our circles not enough work has been done among our confirmed youth and, when carried on, has frequently been done unsystematically, with little definite aim, and with but insufficient energy. Where, for example, young people's societies were organized, these often were of short duration or frequently degenerated into mere societies for entertainment. The young people were not really familiarized with the Bible and were not systematically encouraged and educated to take an active part in the work of the Lord and to offer and give active service.

2. We recommend that sound helps be provided for work among our young Christians, especially for promoting Bible knowledge. We would advise the Board for Young People's Work to acquaint itself with the entire work of the Walther League and repeatedly to report on it in our church-papers.

3. We call attention to the fact that in young people's societies entertainment is easily overstressed while church history and church work are not sufficiently emphasized; that entertainments may degenerate and be carried on in a worldly spirit. At times no real cooperation exists between the pastor and the society.

4. Young people's societies and organizations of such are to be told that they must not of their own accord take up any work that encroaches upon the rights and privileges of congregations or synods. If properly aroused, much desire for work will show itself among our young people, and they are able to render great help. But they must remember that they are merely to assist, not to rule.

5. The Board for Young People's Work is to be continued.

6. Synod encouraged the Board to remain in close touch with the Walther League and to this end approved the following agreement made between the officials of the Walther League and Synod's Board, April 30, 1923:—

a) That there be mutual cooperation between Synod's [Missouri] official Board for Young People's Work and representatives of the Walther League. This is to be brought about by joint meetings and exchange of reports of the committees on the activities in the interest of young people's work.

b) All larger matters pertaining to young people's work and effecting the congregations of Synod shall be undertaken only after the approval of the Board for Young People's Work has been obtained.

7. Synod endorsed the following guiding principles for young people's work:—

a) That the Bible be studied more by our young people. We therefore urge that every young people's society be a Bible society.

b) That particular stress be laid upon educational work among

our young people in order that in future our Church may have well-informed and intelligent workers.

c) That the congregations provide libraries for their young people, selecting books recommended by our Publishing House. We feel that in this way the reading of our young people will receive the proper supervision.

d) That young people's societies of our Districts be advised to affiliate with the Walther League, since the things mentioned are fostered most effectively by the Walther League.

e) That congregations having no young people's societies be advised to organize their young people.

f) That congregations organizing their young people be advised to cooperate with the Walther League.

VI. FINANCES.

A. Reports.

Report of the Board of Directors of Synod.

(German Report, p. 268.)

1. In its first meeting after the last synodical convention the Board of Directors organized for its work by electing the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Synod to the same respective positions on the Board. Rev. Wm. Hagen, Mr. Henry W. Horst, and Mr. W. H. Schlueter were chosen to serve as Committee on Buildings. President Pfothenhauer, Mr. E. Seuel, and Mr. A. H. Ahlbrand were asked to serve on the Finance Committee. Treasurer E. Seuel was again appointed as Legacy Officer.

2. During the triennium eighteen regular meetings, several of them lasting two days, and three special meetings were held. Much business was transacted, as the complete minutes of about one hundred and eighty typewritten pages will show.

3. Concerning matters pertaining to our various *seminaries and colleges*, the following is to be reported.

A. As to *building operations* authorized by the Synod at its last convention, it should be mentioned that —

a. Most of the buildings authorized by the Synod at its last convention have been completed, or will be finished in the near future, and the repairs have been carried out. This will be brought out in the reports of the various local boards.

b. In some cases the appropriations of the Synod were not entirely used; in other cases they had to be exceeded. These cases will be brought out in connection with the reports of the various college boards.

B. Several *questions pertaining to various institutions* were left to the decision of the Board of Directors.

a. Synod in 1923 decided to build the seminary group in *St. Louis* according to the so-called Plan No. 1, which had the special approval of the Building Committee, the Board of Directors, and Synod's Committee No. 1, while the time when the building was to be undertaken was left to the Board of Directors in conjunction with the Building Committee. It should be reported, as a matter of record, that the contracts were awarded in April, 1924. The corner-stone was laid October 26, 1924. The Board feels safe that the seminary, when fully completed, will not cost in excess of the appropriation of \$2,500,000. Since the Building Committee produced evidence that about \$135,000, which came through the regular channels of the Building Fund collection, had been given for special purposes in connection with the building of the new seminary, the Board felt justified in allowing this amount for the main entrance and reception-room, which had not been included in the plans authorized by the Synod. All in all, it is marvelous in our eyes that the erection of such a beautiful and serviceable group of buildings was made possible through the consecrated gifts of our people. The dedication of the new seminary, which will then practically be completed, can take place during the sessions of this Synod, namely, on June 13, 1926.

b. As far as the college in *Conover* is concerned, two questions had been left to the Board of Directors to decide, namely, the question whether the college should be continued as a synodical institution, and what the tuition should be for non-ministerial students. After President Pfothenhauer had visited Conover, it was decided not to disturb existing conditions, that is, to retain the college as a synodical institution. After careful consideration of the tuition question it was determined, under consultation with the local board, that the tuition should be \$30 for the first two years, \$35 for the next two years, and \$60 for the last two years.

c. Regarding the institution at *Edmonton*, it had been left to the Board of Directors to decide whether the college was to be removed from Edmonton, and if so, when and to what location. Also the building operations were entrusted to the management of the Board. It was first decided by the Board of Directors to leave the institution at Edmonton. Then the present site was bought and the buildings erected, which were dedicated early this year. As far as classes are concerned, it was decided not to add any classes beyond the so-called *Tertia*, until Synod itself can act in the matter.

d. All questions pertaining to the institution at *Porto Alegre* had been left to the Board of Directors for decision. Our minutes show that considerable time was given to the consideration of the affairs of the South American institution. Among other things it

was decided to receive students every second year, beginning with 1924. The report of the local board at Porto Alegre shows what progress was made in the building program.

e. Pursuant to a request of the Texas District, it had been resolved by the Synod to establish a *college in Texas*. The selection of the place and site and all decisions as to the time of building, etc., were left to the Board of Directors, under consultation with the District. After a committee of the Board had, together with the local committee, viewed all places that came into consideration, and after Texas District representatives had met with the Board in St. Louis, it was decided to build the college in Austin. The site was bought in September, 1925, the architect selected, and the contract for the first building has now been awarded. A call for candidates for the first professor has been issued, and it is hoped that the institution can be opened in the fall of this year.

f. The time of erection, and the exact determination of the cost, of the new Administration Building in *Seward* had been referred to the Board of Directors. The contract was let in 1924 at a little in excess of the estimate of \$150,000.

g. The matter of securing an athletic field for the *Bronxville* institution had been referred to the Board of Directors together with the local board. A plot of a little over three and one half acres was secured for \$16,500 and the necessary sum allowed for grading.

h. The brethren of the Western District had \$12,628 on hand, which had been received for buildings at *Concordia, Mo.*, partly directly for a gymnasium. They came before the Board, asking for permission to use this money, together with \$28,000 which they intended to collect, for a gymnasium. It was finally agreed that the Board of Directors would advocate before Synod that the use of the \$12,628 for this purpose be ratified.

i. Special attention should be called to the untiring and capable services rendered especially by Mr. Henry W. Horst, as a member of the Committee on Buildings, in connection with the tremendous building program of the triennium. Mr. Horst gave largely of his time and strength and, no doubt, made financial sacrifices in order to help carry out the building program.

4. As to *financial matters*, the following should be reported:—

a. The *budget* was prepared from year to year, and the cooperation of the Districts and of individual congregations is becoming more and more evident and effective, due largely to the work of Mr. Theo. W. Eckhart, who continued to serve as financial secretary. The fact that there is still a deficit in our treasuries will be brought out in the financial reports and had best be considered in that connection.

b. At its last convention, Synod had requested the Board of Directors to appoint a *Ways and Means Committee*, which was to carry out the collection of the \$3,850,000 appropriated for the Synodical Building Fund. In its first meeting of the triennium the Board of Directors appointed Dean J. H. C. Fritz, Financial Secretary Theo. W. Eckhart, and the Rev. J. C. Baur as this committee. An Advisory Committee was soon added, consisting of representative men from various parts of the Synod. It is a matter of common knowledge, and should be here recorded in the spirit of true gratitude to the Giver of all good gifts, that the appropriation was oversubscribed by about a million dollars, and that more than the sum appropriated has been paid in at the present time. Since the Synod had made no other provisions, the Board of Directors has allowed the expenses of the Ways and Means Committee out of the collection.

c. The request of the Auditing Committee to appoint a *comptroller* was by the last Synod referred to the Board of Directors. After giving this matter into the hands of a subcommittee and after discussing the question repeatedly and at length, the Board of Directors finally agreed that the installation of a Comptrolling Board does not appear feasible or necessary under present arrangements in the fiscal office, and it was resolved so to report to Synod.

d. The wish had been voiced at the last Synod to send an experienced *business man to Europe* to adjust a number of business matters with the European brethren. It should be reported that at the request of the Board Mr. Seuel undertook this trip in the interests of Synod.

5. The question of *incorporation of Synod* had been left in the hands of the Board of Directors. A committee of Lutheran lawyers was selected to consider this matter, together with a St. Louis lawyer, S. T. G. Smith, who has served Synod on various occasions in a very capable manner. This committee still has the matter under advisement and according to its last report could not finish its work before this convention of Synod.

Respectfully submitted in the name of

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

M. F. KRETZMANN, *Secretary*.

Committee 22 recommended the following resolutions, which were approved:—

Resolved, That we commend the Board of Directors for efficient and faithful discharge of their duties; furthermore,

Resolved, That we herewith approve of the reported action taken by this Board in the performance of its duties.

Triennial Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the Years 1923—1925. GENERAL SURVEY OF RECEIPTS. (German Report, p. 212.)

Districts	1 Totals	2 Budget Treasury	3 Board of Support	4 Pension Fund	5 Church Extension	6 Contingent Reserve Fd.	7 Deaf-mute Missions	8 European Missions
1. Atlantic	372997 38	34998 30	12392 06	1 00	1513 91	2112 10	1228 53	1325 50
3. California and Nevada	116570 30	12000 00	1306 01	.....	104 47	.....	.....	75 00
4. Ontario	54003 21	46583 68	31294 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 13
5. Central	1134391 17	116176 89	2147 49	.....	2073 04	2581 86	8161 54	10476 43
6. Central Illinois	343152 98	22528 20	7361 88	.....	174 07	.....	426 25	407 12
7. Eastern	279684 40	363246 03	3256 07	.....	407 12	316 91	1445 71	2486 30
8. English	363246 03	86630 96	1462 68	.....	664 49	194 93	213 86	643 72
9. Iowa	421137 16	138387 60	1462 68	.....	8055 00	2 00	1792 08	183 95
10. Kansas	186981 67	21584 34	5168 42	.....	324 41	182 00	1723 97	772 03
11. Michigan	678729 73	26315 82	21707 26	.....	1177 24	1273 97	4526 64	7619 57
12. Minnesota	329742 61	33417 60	14974 20	.....	683 19	242 65	3777 17	2240 54
13. Southern Nebraska	203917 88	.....	6853 00	.....	535 95	1294 00	2103 60	2250 20
14. N. Dakota and Montana	39377 37	70550 79	22708 02	.....	406 91	.....	147 39	178 91
15. Northern Illinois	753420 07	42974 62	.....	.....	15 60	655 93	5141 46	6590 88
16. North Wisconsin	55607 03	6213 68	.....	.....	13 54	.....	.....	.....
17. Oregon and Washington	57250 37	25275 67	84 87	.....	10 00	.....	273 56	160 50
18. South Dakota	40276 35	9327 87	246 72	.....	79 00	.....	44 60	33 17
19. Southern Illinois	213937 68	85063 14	489 31	.....	132 00	8 00	208 55	.....
20. Southern Illinois	101558 20	31 10	3431 81	.....	139 75	292 84	1052 60	344 29
21. Texas	708055 10	133769 93	6230 63	.....	729 58	139 45	2842 20	275 24
22. Western	547140 53	96212 95	5960 74	.....	1287 81	64 42	1540 57	2156 37
23. Colorado	34134 94	1361 04	667 57	.....	1337 08	49 77	410 61	2232 73
24. Alberta and Brit. Columbia	21015 62	1361 04	146 33	.....	44 83	.....	576	360 44
25. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	13897 58	1557 99	38 65	.....	21 50	.....	38 25	11 96
26. Northern Nebraska	143938 52	26627 75	4310 05	.....	283 85	.....	929 36	500
27. Oklahoma*	9469 83	3758 44	42 94	.....	97 54	.....	37 61	846 88
28. Direct to Treasurer	5044657 30	6593 29	43827 176	.....	75 80	1 00	33083 86	300
Totals	12423386 50	1056324 42	591249 40	42494 24	447369 99	30514 87	70331 48	79182 64

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Districts	9 Sundry Titl. Europ. Mis.	10 Foreign Missions	11 Sdry Titl. For. Mis.	12 For-tongue Missions	13 Home Missions	14 Immigr. & Seam. Mis.	15 Indian Mission	16 Jewish Mission	17 Missions Budgeted
1. Atlantic	542 38	7442 03	2145 62	675 71	6158 65	279 40	735 97	288 73	34349 96
3. California and Nevada	296 86	.....	490 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4. Ontario	105 00	.....	145 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5. Central	494 48	46388 73	10573 43	4457 08	55249 08	1835 97	4212 58	1247 24	206 46
6. Central Illinois	1889 44	3603 24	2415 88	198 90	9 50	105 95	263 97	107 27	1453 39
7. Eastern	289 65	11498 00	6371 86	1319 07	9228 30	349 70	973 35	269 48	44 00
8. English	96 35	3935 28	10637 63	314 10	1983 24	111 67	631 39	137 37	444 35
9. Iowa	6 00	4432 77	3497 96	360 98	1149 08	25 30	525 57	12 65	.....
10. Kansas	29 08	7661 99	1764 39	674 22	4918 64	388 39	886 30	205 44	1418 90
11. Michigan	1137 42	33175 48	1581 66	2297 78	30294 58	1020 35	2496 64	736 04	.....
12. Minnesota	341 37	14086 51	416 69	1306 05	7472 85	394 52	2367 40	424 45	2585 19
13. Southern Nebraska	116 15	10560 10	851 45	1050 40	11582 50	458 32	1176 88	333 05	.....
14. N. Dakota and Montana	.....	1267 78	742 82	16 30	885 56	60	70 42	35 50	23 29
15. Northern Illinois	855 92	22930 57	5752 36	2474 98	25847 18	1167 58	3356 05	586 68	.....
16. North Wisconsin	253 63	.....	1613 70	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....
17. Oregon and Washington	55 00	722 25	159 46	11 50	192 80	5 00	55 65	3 15	.....
18. South Dakota	37 73	10120	516 01	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19. Southern Illinois	195 38	428 84	144 44	.....	14 00	.....	103 31	.....	500
20. Texas	33 75	1361 22	3824 77	12 30	241 68	47 50	66 33	14 50	117 14
21. Western	1005 96	12245 06	12842 14	960 62	8982 24	33 58	86 33	30 78	6293 95
22. South Wisconsin	2585 16	9412 48	2422 26	600 66	11389 06	275 24	2156 05	294 27	5609 04
23. Colorado	2 00	1378 75	12 50	114 80	1270 40	52 97	141 82	265 41	13726 80
24. Alberta and Brit. Columbia	4 35	736 76	247 3	274	351 35	2 29	3 63	34 61	.....
25. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	.....	722 56	15 00	3 00	293 65	.....	7 00	1 10	.....
26. Northern Nebraska	5 00	3059 66	134 85	257 00	2503 99	30 33	248 30	119 48	.....
27. Oklahoma*	.....	79 63	289 29	1 00	91 28	14 00	10 00	2 00	.....
28. Direct to Treasurer	1123 75	192805 63	32867 25	16971 95	19110 89	7247 71	19597 04	6063 66	4129 54
Totals	11501 81	391623 77	102519 06	34157 88	372209 72	14130 53	41312 88	11212 95	71407 01

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Districts	18 Negro Missions	19 Sundry Titl. Negro Mts.	20 S. American Missions	21 Synodical Treasury	22 Building Fund	23 European Relief	24 Sundry Relief	25 Sundry Accounts
1. Atlantic	5326 24	2174 19	2222 91	32015 25	231649 50	26133 98	384 45	1899 31
3. California and Nevada	79 05	836 01	.....	.....	67193 76	11976 14	302 18	296 83
4. Ontario	34537 36	468 40	.....	.....	38377 42	190 62	.....	103 10
5. Central	1965 15	9792 68	20846 90	115496 51	667658 11	52401 32	2686 08	3418 35
6. Central Illinois	7202 01	3352 22	856 08	5844 91	183490 24	13519 43	3606 25	1339 54
7. Eastern	2731 79	2378 76	3988 41	24107 80	158890 28	16427 20	647 65	374 06
8. English	3717 08	3736 93	1156 61	10007 77	213475 61	19075 71	222 31	2068 18
9. Iowa	5907 34	4781 92	1229 73	2205 48	242248 07	.....	1282 71	5055 50
10. Kansas	24768 47	3135 93	2737 90	8893 51	103770 38	12309 63	414 11	1018 24
11. Michigan	8434 53	4153 19	13321 00	78282 67	386661 63	33048 10	898 70	1317 50
12. Minnesota	8447 00	3205 29	4353 64	30606 95	191535 17	303 04	1989 93	2728 49
13. Southern Nebraska	17222 86	2404 40	4398 00	26494 83	110662 64	7308 12	609 08	3628 57
14. N. Dakota and Montana	.....	313 56	436 84	942 63	21097 13	2849 65	136 73	72 99
15. Northern Illinois	.....	5454 84	12934 06	59502 04	437065 03	42587 64	594 30	2815 76
16. North Wisconsin	907 14	671 22	143 82	560 56	94469 97	9329 23	240 78	2294 77
17. Oregon and Washington	136 24	634 67	98 65	.....	39147 22	5052 49	175 82	982 80
18. South Dakota	238 57	309 68	132 1	69 97	29385 04	186 14	62 27	345 50
19. Southern Illinois	893 35	2648 59	133 65	2094 20	27031 90	1540 10	.....	1063 72
20. Southern Indiana	873 64	802 92	293 50	7086 50	114461 62	6567 63	175 86	4511 44
21. Texas	11349 27	6948 14	7863 50	18449 18	66109 63	31515 44	5499 22	7476 39
22. Western	5581 77	6486 71	4517 17	24214 21	426541 72	604 92	2630 29	1194 10
23. South Wisconsin	1094 45	330 05	595 07	2954 00	351179 77	60 38	26 33	491 96
24. Colorado	807 73	141 46	21 28	162 04	24041 63	1043 61	4 16	9658 59
25. Alberta and Brit. Columbia	362 81	264 46	5 00	191 55	7059 58	1101 84	.....	4098 12
26. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	4340 45	1731 04	903 11	7247 77	4833 60	10323 47	327 98	5152 08
27. Northern Nebraska	21 00	109 52	18 67	90 75	4198 47	268 65	26 28	330 50
28. Oklahoma	136169 78	1117 67	69679 83	671188 28	50633 88	5361 07	3747 38	2650249 80
29. Direct to Treasurer	283096 75	71215 89	15273 96	1128711 86	4367613 03	311085 55	26792 24	2714554 57

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NOTE.—All figures given for the fiscal year 1923 cover a period of thirteen months.

1. Cash Account.

Balance, December 30, 1922	\$ 94413.37
Receipts: 1923	\$3016964.46
1924	4352577.41
1925	5053844.63

Total receipts 12423386.50

Disbursements: 1923	\$3058436.94
1924	4373144.35
1925	5050931.67

\$12517799.87

12482512.96

Cash balance, January 30, 1926..... \$35286.01

2. Budget Treasury.

Receipts: 1923	\$238021.09
1924	313373.80
1925	504929.53

Total receipts \$1056324.42

Disbursed during	1923	1924	1925
To —			
Board of Support	\$ 14000.39	\$ 29591.90	\$ 57531.67
Church Extension	.....	2958.25	4423.18
Contingent Reserve	.....	7693.32	11946.63
Deaf-mute Missions	7840.43	8285.59	13274.60
European Missions	8399.75	8877.90	14163.27
Foreign Missions	35003.38	43499.41	70806.27
Foreign-tongue Missions	3360.86	4437.37	7079.11
Home Missions	35003.38	51785.00	77441.04
Immigrant and Seamen's Missions	1344.82	2071.41	3095.22
Indian Mission	4201.08	4437.37	7967.79
Jewish Mission	418.92	1776.83	2655.93
Negro Missions	30802.32	32550.14	55315.03
South American Missions	16801.90	17755.77	26554.25
Synodical Treasury	80284.51	97653.54	152675.54
General Relief	559.35	.....	.....

Total disbursements... \$238021.09 \$313373.80 \$504929.53 \$1056324.42

3. Board of Support.

Disbursements: 1923 (thirteen months)	\$221000.00
1924	216000.00
1925 (eleven months)	211000.00

Total disbursements \$648000.00
Transferred to Pension Fund 25000.00

\$673000.00

Receipts: 1923	\$170648.34
1924	192673.45
1925	227927.61

Total receipts \$591249.40
Balance, December 30, 1922 76019.22

667268.62

Deficit, January 30, 1926 \$5731.38

4. Pension Fund.

Balance, December 30, 1922		\$38673.52
Receipts: 1923	\$7180.83	
1924	4413.38	
1925	5900.03	
Total receipts	\$17494.24	
Transferred from Board of Support Treasury...	25000.00	
		42494.24
Proceeds: 1923	\$2089.11	
1924	3188.32	
1925	3839.64	
		9117.07
	\$90284.83	
Proceeds disbursed to Board of Support.....	9117.07	
Balance, January 30, 1926	\$81167.76	

5. Church Extension Fund.

Balance, December 30, 1922		\$ 57790.75
Receipts from Treasurer of Board: 1923.....	\$101874.50	
1924	128200.00	
1925	153139.35	
	\$383013.85	
Sundry receipts: 1923	44523.91	
1924	10137.88	
1925	9694.35	
Total receipts	447369.99	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	50000.00	
		\$555160.74
Disbursements: 1923	\$149384.84	
1924	157475.00	
1925	177062.95	
Refund of items remitted to us in error.....	367.50	
		484290.29
Balance, January 30, 1926	\$70870.45	

6. Contingent Reserve Fund.

Receipts: 1924	\$12471.43	
1925	18043.44	
	\$30514.87	
Disbursed to European Missions	10700.00	
Balance, January 30, 1926	\$19814.87	

7. Deaf-Mute Missions.

Deficit, December 30, 1922		\$ 7378.98
Disbursements: 1923	\$25281.00	
1924	26500.00	
1925	28500.00	
Transferred to Deaf-mute Chapel Account.....	4500.00	
Total disbursements	84781.00	
	\$92159.98	

Receipts: 1923	\$23081.32	
1924	20808.93	
1925	26441.23	
Total receipts	70331.48	
Deficit, January 30, 1926	\$21828.50	

8. European Missions.

Deficit, December 30, 1922		\$ 8779.25
Disbursements: 1923	\$26673.25	
1924	29600.00	
1925	42700.00	
Total disbursements	98973.25	
	\$107752.50	
Receipts: 1923	\$28491.14	
1924	23231.44	
1925	27460.06	
Total receipts	\$79182.64	
Transferred from Contingent Reserve Fund.....	10700.00	
		89882.64
Deficit, January 30, 1926	\$17869.86	

9. Sundry Titles, European Missions.

Receipts and disbursements: 1923	\$3071.01	
1924	3229.37	
1925	5201.43	
Total receipts and disbursements	\$11501.81	

10. Foreign Missions.

Deficit, December 30, 1922		\$ 17945.03
Disbursements: 1923	\$155416.66	
1924	119716.82	
1925	132915.89	
To offset refunds in 1923	15645.21	
Transferred to Foreign Missions Building Fund	24000.00	
Total disbursements	447694.58	

Receipts: 1923	\$122185.22	
1924	120535.30	
1925	133258.04	
Refunds from treasurer of Board, 1923.....	15645.21	
Total receipts	391623.77	
Deficit, January 30, 1926	\$74015.84	

11. Sundry Titles, Foreign Missions.

Balance, December 30, 1922		\$ 1200.54
Receipts: 1923	\$25752.56	
1924	40329.33	
1925	36437.17	
Total receipts	102519.06	
	\$103719.60	

Disbursements: 1923	\$26430.48	
1924	40851.95	
1925	36437.17	
Total disbursements		\$103719.60

12. Foreign-Tongue Missions.

Deficit, December 30, 1922		\$ 6072.36
Disbursements: 1923	\$13800.00	
1924	14650.00	
1925	14350.00	
Total disbursements		42800.00

	\$48872.36	
Receipts: 1923	\$10411.76	
1924	10497.06	
1925	13249.06	
Total receipts		34157.88

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$14714.48
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13. Home Missions.

Deficit, December 30, 1922		\$13498.58
Disbursements: 1923	\$120538.66	
1924	161108.88	
1925	174710.13	
Total disbursements		456357.67
Refund of item remitted to us in error		100.00

	\$469956.25	
Receipts: 1923	\$106260.53	
1924	125435.95	
1925	140513.24	
Total receipts		372209.72

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$97746.53
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14. Immigrant and Seamen's Missions.

Disbursements: 1923	\$4144.40	
1924	6971.42	
1925	6687.27	
Total disbursements		\$17803.09
Receipts: 1923	\$4190.84	
1924	4499.37	
1925	5440.32	

Total receipts	\$14130.53	
Credit balance, December 30, 1922	1332.89	
		15463.42

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$2339.67
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15. Indian Mission.

Deficit, December 30, 1922		\$ 238.15
Disbursements: 1923	\$12000.00	
1924	12700.00	
1925	15100.00	
Transferred to Indian Mission Building Fund	7767.69	

Total disbursements		47567.69
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	\$47805.84	
Receipts: 1923	\$12362.35	
1924	12034.08	
1925	16916.45	

Total receipts		41312.88
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Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$6492.96
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16. Jewish Mission.

Disbursements: 1923	\$3466.67	
1924	3200.00	
1925	3200.00	
Transferred to Missionary's Residence Account	5600.00	

Total disbursements		\$15466.67
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Receipts: 1923	\$2533.77	
1924	3987.84	
1925	4691.34	

Total receipts	\$11212.95	
Balance, December 30, 1922	2490.61	
		13703.56

Deficit, January 30, 1926		\$1763.11
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17. Missions Budgeted.

Receipts: 1923	\$35773.61	
1924	35633.40	

Total receipts		\$71407.01
Disbursed during	1923	1924
To Church Extension Fund		\$ 566.57
Contingent Reserve Fund		1473.09
Deaf-mute Missions	\$1958.96	1586.04
European Missions	2098.83	1699.35
Foreign Missions	8745.94	8327.53
Foreign-tongue Missions	839.60	849.86
Home Missions	8745.94	9913.91
Immigrant and Seamen's Miss.	335.91	396.60
Indian Mission	1049.57	849.86
Jewish Mission	104.82	339.95
Negro Missions	7605.99	6231.57
South American Missions	4198.05	3399.07
Total disbursements	\$35773.61	\$35633.40
		\$71407.01

18. Negro Missions.

Receipts and disbursements: 1923	\$ 95503.99	
1924	84196.96	
1925	103395.80	
Total receipts and disbursements		\$283096.75

19. Sundry Titles, Negro Missions.

Receipts and disbursements: 1923	\$ 7777.55
1924	30717.11
1925	32721.23
Total receipts and disbursements	\$71215.89

20. South American Missions.

Deficit, December 30, 1922	\$ 30139.13
Disbursements: 1923	\$52275.99
1924	50623.27
1925	53009.28

Total disbursements	155908.54
	\$186047.67

Receipts: 1923	\$55626.20
1924	47651.17
1925	49496.59

Total receipts	152773.96
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Deficit, January 30, 1926	\$33273.71
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21. Synodical Treasury.

Disbursements during	1923	1924	1925
At Bronxville	\$26401.54	\$27094.20	\$31815.36
Concordia	24166.99	23194.37	20116.16
Conover	7228.77	6452.62	6834.96
Edmonton	11823.43	14818.04	14962.03
Fort Wayne	54280.73	54343.13	52010.38
Milwaukee	30030.08	30827.20	33830.13
Oakland	10239.77	13461.75	15229.45
Portland	6611.55	10021.56	9600.66
Porto Alegre	6743.35	5240.00	9014.15
River Forest	44860.14	44038.87	47737.00
St. Louis	47832.93	47017.69	52524.53
St. Paul	30400.47	28189.96	32244.36
Seward	31240.94	34339.99	32673.53
Springfield	21348.53	23883.85	22979.07
Winfield	24199.70	25180.32	30059.18

Total cost of institutions*	\$377408.92	\$388103.55	\$411630.95
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Officials, including office help	6837.33	6450.00	6420.00
Fiscal Office**	7888.96	8677.03	9154.95
Office expenses of other officials	363.64	165.13	511.71
Mileage	1089.00	858.58	934.71
Printing	2690.51	1155.64	1031.43
Periodicals sent gratis	94.70	70.00	71.89
Statistical Bureau	1413.27	2483.40	2659.40
Statistical Year-book, deficit		2724.02†	1685.90
School Board	5437.31	5523.22	5230.32
Sundry committees	611.34	1983.48	1603.75

* Includes salaries, current expenses, fuel, and library and laboratory allowances.

** Includes salary, office help, office rent, postage, printing, mileage, and all other expenses incurred in the office of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

† Covers the deficit on the *Statistical Year-book* for the years 1922 and 1923.

Board of Directors	1123.58	1709.41	1472.66
Equipment of synodical offices			1720.43
Publicity (tracts and mission-book-lets)			10000.00
Reader revision (1/2 cost)			482.01
Board of Support	10000.00	11000.00	10000.00
Totals	\$414958.56	\$430903.46	\$464610.11

Deficit, December 30, 1922	\$ 10993.83
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Disbursements: 1923	\$414958.56
1924	430903.46
1925	464610.11

Total disbursements	1310472.13
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Receipts — General: 1923	\$377725.28
1924	350218.97
1925	400767.61

Total receipts — General	\$1128711.86
Tuition: 1923	\$4030.18
1924	3520.98
1925	5546.60

Rent: 1923	\$150.00
1924	80.00

Norwegian professor at St. Paul:	
1923	\$675.00
1925	350.00

Fuel refund: 1925	1025.00
	960.00

Total receipts	1144024.62
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Deficit, January 30, 1926	\$177441.34
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22. Building Fund.

Balance, December 30, 1922	\$ 574109.85
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Receipts — General: 1923	\$1024156.45
1924	1944232.12
1925	1399224.46

Total receipts — General	4367613.03
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Receipts — Sundry: —	
Concordia, gymnasium and equipment	\$12993.56
Edmonton, site and buildings	13556.67
St. Louis Seminary, special	7123.69
Emblem Committee fund	9354.75
Room equipment	310.00
Springfield, additional land	9800.02

Refunds: —	
Equipment, St. Paul	35.44
Equipment, Seward	80.00
Repairs, St. Louis	1.00
Repairs, St. Paul	22.50
Residence, Concordia	1689.76
Residence, Winfield	46.00
Concordia, dormitory	2358.52

St. Louis Seminary	59.01
St. Paul, dormitory	10.62
Seward, Administration Building	55.00
Seward, dormitory	15.92

Total receipts — Sundry	57512.46
Transfer, St. Louis Seminary site — interest	13777.78
	<u>\$5013013.12</u>

Disbursements: —

Austin	\$ 17846.16
Bronxville	216631.31
Concordia	204355.29
Conover	7500.00
Edmonton	149520.65
Fort Wayne	328074.25
Milwaukee	293161.55
Oakland	20212.76
Portland	1117.77
Porto Alegre	24036.76
River Forest	278873.97
St. Louis	1371680.34
St. Paul	149804.20
Seward	369065.06
Springfield	33425.40
Winfield	258560.63
Ways and Means Committee	58118.15
Sundry items disbursed prior to July 1, 1923	23481.96

Total disbursements* 3810466.21

Balance, January 30, 1926 \$1202546.91

23. European Relief.

Receipts: 1923	\$ 62041.27
1924	236127.39
1925	12916.89

Total receipts \$311085.55

Disbursed or credited on account.

24. Sundry Relief.

Receipts: 1923	\$ 4416.60
1924	1187.75
1925	21187.89

Total receipts \$26792.24

Disbursed or credited on account.

25. Sundry Accounts.

Receipts: 1923	\$ 437909.13
1924	571753.93
1925	1704891.51

Total receipts \$2714554.57

This group includes all items not accounted for in previous groups. The individual items were either remitted to or through the respective person, board, or commission, or credited on account.

* For details regarding disbursements see the report of the Board of Directors.

Legacies.

Balance, December 30, 1922 \$113344.70

RECEIPTS — NEW LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS.

Annuity Endowment	\$ 5000.00
John Barthels Legacy	4947.66
Mrs. W. F. Becker Legacy	100.00
Jacob Beer Bequest	1000.00
Harm F. Behrends Bequest	9147.37
Carl Baxmann Bequest	500.00
Dietrich Bramstedt Bequest	1299.45
L. & E. B. Legacy	1000.00
George Detthoff Bequest	1500.00
Gerke Jurgen Dirksen Bequest	200.00
Fred John William Durr Legacy	15322.80
Barbara Ehrat Bequest	50.00
Rebecca Freitag Bequest	4456.14
Dr. R. J. G. Legacy	5000.00
Johanna Marie Haas Bequest	250.00
Mary E. Haenichen Bequest	950.00
Henry Hahn Bequest	2658.68
Frederick Heinz Legacy	11700.00
Anna Hochwart Legacy	100.00
Helen Ibach Bequest	1900.00
Charlotte Ilgard Bequest	100.00
Lydia Koch Bequest	200.00
Theo. Koenig Bequest	500.00
Fred Krusie Bequest	176.66
Peter Leininger Bequest	200.00
Katherine Liefer Bequest	462.00
Aug. Mech Fund	1660.00
Dorothea Meyer Bequest	332.72
Chas. C. F. Moeller Bequest	3198.50
Mary A. Mueller Bequest	180.00
Pastor Nachtigall Legacy	200.00
Our Redeemer Fund	2000.00
Rosalina Ploetz Bequest	45.08
Wilhelmina Rahm Bequest	1000.00
H. J. Reisig Endowment	1000.00
George Ritter Bequest	1092.98
John Rupp Bequest	200.00
St. Louis Seminary Indigent Students Endowment	515.00
G. P. A. Schaaf Legacy	500.00
Marie Schoenrich Legacy	600.00
Phoebe Schultzy Bequest	928.75
J. F. W. Schulz Legacy	1000.00
Stutz Legacy — 1922 and 1923 proceeds	598.35
Dr. H. Succop Legacy	2000.00
Margaret G. W. Tebbens Bequest	499.41
Lena Uhle Bequest	500.00
August Valderin Bequest	1000.00

\$87771.55

PROCEEDS.

Holst Endowment	\$ 124.60
Mohr Legacy	476.61
Raithel Legacy	3458.97
Stutz Legacy	1006.84
All other proceeds	21206.05

26273.07

REFUNDS.			
Durr Legacy	\$21.00		
Kiene Legacy	89.11		
Wehmeyer Legacy	7.08		
		117.19	
			114161.81
			\$227506.51
DISBURSEMENTS.			
To Budget Treasury: —			
Freitag Bequest	\$2455.14		
Dr. R. J. G. Bequest	500.00		
Ibach Bequest	1900.00		
Valderin Bequest	1000.00		
		\$5855.14	
To Board of Support: —			
Annuity Endowments	\$ 272.50		
Becker Legacy	5.90		
Board of Support Legacy	15.00		
L. & E. B. Legacy	27.42		
Busse Legacy	30.00		
Durr Legacy	490.54		
Fuelling Legacy	15.00		
Goeppinger Legacy	300.00		
Greb Legacy	225.00		
Hahn Bequest	400.00		
Hamann Legacy	210.00		
Harms Legacy	750.00		
Koelling Legacy	30.00		
Meyer Bequest	133.71		
Nachtigall Legacy	4.56		
Ortner Legacy	37.50		
Raithel Legacy	3458.97		
Reuter Legacy	75.00		
Schmidt Legacy	75.00		
Schnake Legacy	15.00		
Schultz Legacy	150.00		
Starke Legacy	1350.00		
Strobeke Legacy	150.00		
Thuernau Legacy	75.00		
		8296.10	
To Church Extension: —			
Durr Legacy	\$3830.70		
Koenig Bequest	500.00		
Ladwig Endowment	75.00		
Rupp Bequest	200.00		
		4605.70	
To Deaf-mute Missions: —			
Haenichen Bequest		100.00	
To European Missions: —			
Moeller Bequest		259.73	
To Foreign Missions: —			
Block Memorial	\$150.00		
Foreign Missions Legacy	150.00		
Foreign Missions Endowment	75.00		
Gehrke Legacy	72.00		
Heinz Legacy	212.50		
Ilgard Bequest	50.00		
Mech Fund	41.50		
Moeller Bequest	432.89		
Mueller Bequest	180.00		
Nikkel Legacy	150.00		
Schulty Memorial	928.75		
Schuricht Legacy	56.00		
Tredup Endowment	30.00		
		2528.64	

To Foreign-tongue Missions: —			
Mech Fund	\$ 83.00		
Nikkel Legacy	150.00		
Schuricht Legacy	80.00		
		313.00	
To Home Missions: —			
Block Memorial	\$ 150.00		
Dierksen Legacy	75.00		
Dirksen Bequest	200.00		
Ehrat Bequest	50.00		
Endowment Fund for Home Mis-			
sions	27.30		
General Legacies	1050.00		
Haenichen Bequest	100.00		
Hahn Bequest	400.00		
Heinz Legacy	318.75		
Mech Fund	83.00		
Moeller Bequest	432.89		
Mohn Legacy	1050.00		
Nikkel Legacy	150.00		
Savings of a pastor's wife	150.00		
Schoenrich Legacy	30.00		
Schuricht Legacy	80.00		
Steinfath Legacy	7.14		
Stutz Legacy	308.68		
Uhle Bequest	500.00		
		5162.76	
To Indian Mission: —			
Scheel Legacy		37.50	
To Jewish Mission: —			
Detthoff Bequest		466.67	
To Missions: —			
Beer Bequest	\$1000.00		
Detthoff Bequest	933.33		
Hahn Bequest	1858.68		
Krusie Bequest	176.66		
Rahm Bequest	500.00		
Tebbens Bequest	399.41		
		4868.08	
To Negro Missions: —			
Behrends Bequest	\$4573.68		
Baxmann Bequest	500.00		
Durr Legacy	490.55		
Haas Bequest	100.00		
Haenichen Bequest	250.00		
Heinz Legacy	212.50		
Holst Endowment	24.60		
Leininger Bequest	100.00		
Moeller Bequest	346.31		
Ploetz Endowment	165.00		
Scheel Legacy	37.50		
		6800.14	
To South American Missions: —			
Haas Bequest	\$ 50.00		
Liefer Bequest	462.00		
		512.00	
To Synodical Treasury: —			
Altwasser Legacy	\$ 30.00		
Aulich Legacy	150.00		
Haas Bequest	100.00		
Holst Endowment	100.00		
Ilgard Bequest	50.00		
Meyer Bequest	199.01		
Mohr Legacy	444.57		
Rahm Bequest	500.00		
		1573.58	

To Synodical Building Fund: —

Behrends Bequest	\$4573.69
Bramstedt Bequest	1281.45
Freitag Bequest	2000.00
Leininger Bequest	100.00
Ploetz Bequest	45.08
Ritter Bequest	1092.98

9093.20

To Winfield Auditorium seats: —

Dr. R. J. G. Bequest	2000.00
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To Bronxville Library: —

Lamprecht Endowment	150.00
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To Chicago City Mission: —

Moeller Bequest	216.44
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To Church Extension in Germany: —

Moeller Bequest	216.44
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To Colored Missions Church Extension: —

Moeller Bequest	216.44
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To Concordia Old Folks' Home, Marwood, Pa.: —

Heinz Legacy	212.50
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To Deaf-mute Institute, Detroit, Mich.: —

Heinz Legacy	212.50
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To Eastern District Home Missions: —

Schoenrich Legacy	30.00
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To Eastern District for mission in Pittsburgh: —

Heinz Legacy	212.50
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To Free Church in Saxony for Bavaria: —

Kastenhuber Legacy	1798.80
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To German Relief: —

Moeller Bequest	432.89
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For indigent students (to Professors Pieper, Fritz, Klein, Kohn, Schuelke, Barth, Rev. Aug. Lange, and Treasurer E. Seuel): —

Barthels Legacy	\$ 481.02
Block Memorial	600.00
Burke Legacy	75.00
Durr Legacy	490.56
Haenichen Bequest	250.00
Heitmüller Legacy	150.00
Hochwart Legacy	3.20
Horst Scholarship Foundation	1500.00
Indigent Students' Fund	150.00
Jorn Legacy	150.00
Landre Legacy	300.00
Mueller Legacy	60.00
Poetsch Legacy	150.00
St. Louis Seminary Indigent Students' Endowment	55.27
St. Louis Seminary Indigent Students' Legacy	150.00
Schaaf Legacy	5.14
Scheel Legacy	75.00
Springfield Indigent Students' Legacy	150.00
Starke Legacy	150.00
Succop Legacy	200.00
Tiarks Legacy	750.00
Weisbrodt Legacy	98.55
Willner Legacy	562.72
Zuttermister Legacy	287.65

6844.11

To indigent students in Negro Missions: —

Our Redeemer Fund	56.94
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To indigent students at Zehlendorf: —

Dr. R. J. G. Legacy	104.16
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To mission at Bourbon, Mo.: —

Tebbens Bequest	100.00
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To native students in India: —

Reisig Endowment	65.00
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To Northern Illinois District Synodical Treasury: —

Moeller Bequest	519.47
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To Oklahoma District Church Extension: —

Schulz Bequest	1000.00
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To St. Louis City Mission: —

Haenichen Bequest	250.00
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To St. Louis Seminary Library: —

General Legacy Fund	\$1050.00
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Stutz Legacy	402.16
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1452.16

To Watertown Institute for Feeble-minded and Epileptics: —

Ladwig Endowment	37.50
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To Pastor Ayal Wegelius: —

General Legacy Fund	100.00
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To Wheat Ridge Sanitarium: —

Ladwig Endowment	37.50
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To General Legacies Account: —

Stutz Legacy	296.00
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To Undivided Proceeds: —

General Legacies	1558.47
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Refunds to: —

Bramstedt Estate	\$ 18.00
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Durr Estate	84.00
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Moeller Estate	125.00
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227.00

Inheritance taxes	319.69
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Administration expenses	123.78
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69262.53

Balance, January 30, 1926 \$158243.98

Ledger Balances.

January 30, 1926.

CREDITS.

Receipts not yet disbursed: —

Building Funds	\$1202546.91
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Church Extension Fund	70870.45
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Contingent Reserve Fund	19814.87
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European Relief	8329.92
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Foreign Missions Building Fund	3044.68
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Relief Fund — General	536.15
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Relief Emergency Fund	17559.75
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Sundry credits	6577.57
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Undivided proceeds	224577.26
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\$1553857.56

Special or Reserve Funds: —

Annuity Endowments	31925.00
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Legacies	158243.98
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Pension Fund	81167.76
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\$1825194.30

DEBITS.	
Investments: —	\$1117550.00
Bonds	98400.00
Loans (secured)	103800.00
Notes Receivable	
	\$1319750.00
Accounts overpaid: —	
Board of Support ..	5731.38
Deaf-mute Missions	21828.50
Deaf-mute chapel	1500.00
European Missions	17869.86
Foreign Missions	74015.84
Foreign-tongue Missions	14714.48
Home Missions	97746.53
Immigrant and Seamen's Missions	2339.67
Indian Mission	6492.96
Jewish Mission	1763.11
Jewish Mission — Residence	2500.00
Northern Nebraska School Defense	1270.17
School Defense Fund	5850.09
South American Missions	33273.71
Synodical Treasury	177441.34
Sundry accounts	5819.75

1789907.39

CASH BALANCE, January 30, 1926..... \$35286.91

In submitting the foregoing report for the triennium 1923 to 1926, your Treasurer expresses cordial thanks to all the good people of Synod who by virtue of their respective offices have contributed their share to the performance of his duties. This applies particularly to Messrs. A. G. Brauer, Robert Leonhardt, and Walter Schlueter, the advisory committee, under whose guidance all investments in securities are made by him; also to Messrs. Ewald Schuettner, Chas. Burde, and Richard Borrenpohl, who have contributed considerable sacrifices in time whenever it became necessary for the Treasurer to visit the safety-deposit boxes. His greatest thanks, however, are due to Synod's Financial Secretary, Mr. Theo. Eckhart, who has, either personally or through his office force, attended to all mechanical details in connection with the office of the Treasurer. The arrangement under which Mr. Eckhart keeps Synod's books has not only eliminated an item of expense for clerical help for the Treasurer's office, but is furnishing a valuable additional check on all money transactions, both incoming and outgoing.

To give all the details that I usually give in my annual report printed in the *Lutheraner* and *Witness* seems extravagant and unnecessary. The present report is arranged so as to prove quite valuable in considering and discussing proposals for the next triennium, as it shows the receipts and disbursements grouped by years. When making comparisons with previous or with future years, it must not be lost sight of that the year 1923, as far as my record goes, covers thirteen months.

Synod's attention is respectfully called to the fact that the Un-

divided Proceeds Account has a very gratifying surplus, the bulk of which is due to the temporary investment of the collections for our Building Fund. Synod's Board recommends that \$150,000 of the Undivided Interest accumulation be transferred to the Building Account.

In the tabulated summary of all the receipts the last line includes many items that are not actually receipts. In order to satisfy the requirements of modern bookkeeping, many a transaction is recorded as a receipt and as a disbursement which in actual fact is neither a receipt nor a disbursement. For instance, if it becomes necessary to transfer considerable funds from one bank to another (under orders of the Board of Directors I am maintaining three bank accounts), then such a transfer will be regarded as a disbursement of, say, \$25,000 and at the same time as a receipt of \$25,000, though as an actual fact no money has really been spent or received; money has simply been transferred from one depository to another. Readers familiar with accountancy can readily perceive that in a large business like that of Synod there may be many items of this sort.

St. Louis, Mo., March 29, 1926.

E. SEUEL, *Treasurer*.

Report of Committee 15.

With reference to Overture 601, the Treasurer's Triennial Report, your Committee asks Synod to take notice of the fact that the contributions to the Budget Treasury have increased from \$238,021.09 in 1923 to \$504,929.53 in 1925. A few Districts, however, are listed as not having made use of the Budget Treasury. Since Synod has grown to be a large body, with many branches of work and therefore many different treasuries, and since the individual Christian or even the individual congregation cannot know exactly what percentage of contributions to give to these various treasuries, it is most desirable that all our churches make use of the budget system.

With reference to the recommendation made in the Treasurer's Report, to transfer a certain amount of money, your Committee recommends:—

Resolved, That since the undivided interest accumulation has been largely earned by moneys of Synod's Building Fund, \$150,000 of the undivided proceeds be transferred to the Building Fund account on January 31, 1927.

Your Committee also recommends the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Synod express its appreciation of the work done by the Treasurer and the manner in which he has kept his books, and especially also of the service given to Synod by the Financial Secretary, who attended to all mechanical details of the office of the Treasurer, as well as to the committees which assisted the Treasurer in making investments and safeguarding Synod's papers.

The report was received and the recommendations made therein were adopted.

Report of Legacy Officer.

(German Report, p. 289.)

This report may properly be restricted to a complete list of the legacies in the control of your Legacy Officer as of January 31, 1926, the close of Synod's last fiscal year. The legacies are classified by name, book value, gross proceeds earned during the last three years, and the beneficiaries. On December 31, 1922, Synod's legacies aggregated \$113,344.70. At the close of the last fiscal year they aggregated \$158,243.98, an increase of \$44,899.28. None of the legacies consisting of real estate are included in this total. Among these must be mentioned the Raithel Farm in Lawrence County, Mo., the Mohr and Stutz properties in Washington, D. C., and the Lindhout property in Lake County, Mich. The total does include two items which have not been disbursed, namely, the St. Louis Concordia Seminary Bequest and the Winter Bequest.

All legacies indicated by an asterisk have been added during the three years covered by this report. The proceeds of these new legacies, therefore, cover only the time during which they have been in the possession of Synod. Those not identified with an asterisk appeared in the report of 1923.

The Willner and the Kastenhuber legacies have been reduced in value since the last report, due to the fact that part of the earnings of these two legacies had not been disbursed at the beginning of the last accounting period. The Zuttermeister Legacy shows a deduction in value because inheritance taxes had to be paid.

No.	Name of Legacy.	Book Value.	Proceeds, 1923-1925.	Beneficiary.
1.	General Legacies Account.	\$21000.00	\$3758.47	Undivided proceeds. St. Louis library. Home Missions. Indigent students.
2.	Altwasser	200.00	30.00	Synodical Treasury.
3.	Annuity Endowment	150.00	22.50	Board of Support.
4.	Annuity Endowment*	5000.00	250.00	Board of Support.
5.	Aulich	1000.00	150.00	Synodical Treasury.
6.	Barthels*	4947.66	481.02	Indigent students.
7.	Becker*	100.00	5.90	Board of Support.
8.	Block Memorial	6000.00	900.00	Indigent students. Home Missions. Foreign Missions.
9.	Board of Support	100.00	15.00	Board of Support.
10.	L. and E. B.*	1000.00	27.42	Board of Support.
11.	Burke	500.00	75.00	Indigent students.
12.	Busse	200.00	30.00	Board of Support.
13.	Dierkson	500.00	75.00	Home Missions.
14.	Durr*	11429.10	1471.65	Indigent students. Board of Support. Negro Missions.
15.	Endowment Fund for Home Missions	182.04	27.30	Home Missions.

16.	Foreign Missions	1000.00	150.00	Foreign Missions.
17.	Foreign Missions Endowment	500.00	75.00	Foreign Missions.
18.	Fuelling	100.00	15.00	Board of Support.
19.	Gehrke	480.00	72.00	Foreign Missions.
20.	Dr. R. J. G.*	2500.00	104.16	Indigent students, Zehlendorf, Germany.
21.	Goeppinger	2000.00	300.00	Board of Support.
22.	Greb	1500.00	225.00	Board of Support.
23.	Hamann	1400.00	210.00	Board of Support.
24.	Harms	5000.00	750.00	Board of Support.
25.	Heinz*	11700.00	1381.25	Home Missions. Foreign Missions. Negro Missions. Mission in Pittsburgh. Old Folks' Home, Marwood, Pa. Deaf-mute Institute.
26.	Heitmüller	1000.00	150.00	Indigent students.
27.	Hochwart*	100.00	3.20	Indigent students.
28.	Holst Endowment*	1246.00	124.80	Synodical Treasury. Negro Missions.
29.	Horst Scholarship Foundation	10000.00	1500.00	St. Louis postgraduate students.
30.	Indigent Students' Fund	1000.00	150.00	Indigent students.
31.	Jorn	1000.00	150.00	Indigent students.
32.	Kastenhuber	8994.17	1798.80	Free Church of Saxony.
33.	Koelling	200.00	30.00	Board of Support.
34.	Ladwig Endowment	1000.00	150.00	Church Extension. Wheat Ridge Sanitarium. Watertown Institute.
35.	Lamprecht Endowment	1000.00	150.00	Bronxville library.
36.	Landre	2000.00	300.00	Indigent students.
37.	Mech Fund*	1660.00	207.60	Foreign Missions. Foreign-tongue Missions. Home Missions.
38.	Mohn	7000.00	1050.00	Home Missions.
39.	Mohr (partly real estate)	316.42	444.57	Synodical Treasury.
40.	Mueller	400.00	60.00	Indigent students.
41.	Nachtigall*	200.00	4.56	Board of Support.
42.	Nikkel	3000.00	450.00	Foreign Missions. Foreign-tongue Missions. Home Missions.
43.	Ortner	250.00	37.50	Board of Support.
44.	"Our Redeemer Fund"*	2000.00	56.94	Negro students.
45.	Ploetz Endowment	1100.00	165.00	Negro Missions.
46.	Poetsch	1000.00	150.00	Indigent students.
47.	Raithel Farm	3458.97		Board of Support.
48.	Reisig Endowment*	1000.00	65.00	Native students in India.
49.	Reuter	500.00	75.00	Board of Support.
50.	St. Louis Seminary	1172.80	159.68	Concordia Seminary.
51.	St. Louis Indigent Students' Fund	1000.00	150.00	Indigent students.

52. St. Louis Seminary Indigent Students' Endowment	615.00	55.27	Indigent students.
53. Savings of a pastor's wife	1000.00	150.00	Home Missions.
54. Schaaf *	500.00	5.14	Indigent students.
55. Scheel	1000.00	150.00	Indigent students.
			Negro Missions.
			Indian Mission.
56. Schmidt	500.00	75.00	Board of Support.
57. Schnake	100.00	15.00	Board of Support.
58. Schoenrich *	600.00	60.00	Home Missions.
			Eastern District
			Home Missions.
59. Schultz	1000.00	150.00	Board of Support.
60. Schuricht	1120.00	216.00	Foreign Missions.
			Foreign-tongue Missions.
			Home Missions.
61. Springfield Indigent Students' Fund	1000.00	150.00	Indigent students.
62. Starke	1000.00	150.00	Indigent students.
63. Starke	9000.00	1350.00	Board of Support.
64. Steinfath	47.50	7.14	Home Missions.
65. Strobecke	1000.00	150.00	Board of Support.
66. Stutz (real estate)		1006.84	General Legacies.
			St. Louis library.
			Home Missions.
67. Succop *	2000.00	200.00	Indigent students.
68. Tiarks	5000.00	750.00	Indigent students.
69. Thuernau	500.00	75.00	Board of Support.
70. Tredup Endowment	200.00	30.00	Foreign Missions.
71. Weisbrodt	656.94	98.55	Indigent students.
72. Willner	3113.56	467.04	Indigent students.
73. Winter Bequest	1000.00		Concordia Seminary.
74. Zuttermeister	1890.23	287.65	Indigent students.

* New legacies.

The following Districts report that they hold or control no legacies (or endowments), Church Extension Funds omitted: Atlantic, Kansas, North Dakota and Montana, Southern Illinois, Texas, Colorado, Northern Nebraska, Oklahoma.

The following Districts did not report: California and Nevada, Ontario, Central Illinois, Eastern, English, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, North Wisconsin, Oregon and Washington, Southern, Western, South Wisconsin, Alberta and British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Legacies (or endowments) are held or controlled by the remaining Districts as follows:—

District.	Value.	Purpose of Proceeds.
<i>Central District:—</i>		
Henry Schoenwald Fund...	\$10500.00	Indigent students.
<i>Southern Nebraska District:—</i>		
O. E. Bernecker	500.00	Indigent students.
Marie Lauppe	100.00	Indigent students.
Chas. A. Beckmann	100.00	Indigent students.
Marie Klein	100.00	Indigent students.

Northern Illinois District:—

Krieg	550.00	Indigent students.
Siekmann-Werfelmann	250.00	Indigent students.
F. Meyer	373.70	Indigent students.
Gottlieb Schwartz	1000.00	Orphanage in Addison.
Barbara Baas	243.00	Indigent students.
Oehlerking	1000.00	Board of Support.
C. F.	500.00	District Home Missions. Indigent students.
August Bandemer	100.00	Indigent students.
August Hasselbring	1000.00	Synodical Treasury.
G. A. M.	500.00	District Home Missions.
N. N.	500.00	Indigent students.
N. N.	1000.00	Charitable institutions.
Raithel (farm)		Indigent students. Immigrant Mission.

South Dakota District:—

Conrad Eisenbraun	300.00	College Fund.
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The following synodical institutions own or control no legacies (or endowments): Bronxville, Concordia, Seward, St. Paul.

The following institutions did not report: Conover, Edmonton, Fort Wayne (owing to the death of Mr. C. J. Scheimann), Oakland, Portland, River Forest.

The institutions listed below report legacies or endowments which, because of variation in form, are submitted in brief:—

Institution.	Value.	Purpose of Proceeds.
Milwaukee	\$11900.00	Indigent students. Professors' library.
St. Louis	35134.72	Indigent students.
Springfield	11564.00	Indigent students.
Winfield	7001.56	St. John's College: Students, Ladies' Dormitory, and pianos.

The General Relief Board has the following legacy:

	Value.	Purpose of Proceeds.
Hudtloff	\$1000.00	Indigent students.

None of Synod's mission boards hold or control any legacies.

St. Louis, Mo., April 13, 1926.

E. SEUEL, *Legacy Officer.*

Committee 15, in charge of this report, stated that it had no recommendations to make, but called attention to the fact that during the last triennium \$45,000 was received as legacies.

Committee 15 considered also the following memorial:—

Synod to Define Its Policy with Reference to Endowments, Legacies, and Bequests.

According to the best of our understanding and belief, Synod encourages legacies and bequests in favor of Synod or any of its activities. We further understand that Synod encourages annuities only which accrue to the benefit of the Board of Support. We do not

find that Synod has at any time encouraged endowments or foundations; and also, that it encourages larger gifts designated for any specific or general purpose of Synod. It is our opinion that the difference between these various forms of gifts is merely one of expediency or of convenience to the giver. We are further of the opinion that if Synod would associate its policy so as to encourage gifts to Synod or any of its activities through whichever medium may best serve the purpose of the individual, be it an outright gift, an endowment, an annuity, a legacy, or a bequest, it would then be in a position to get many larger gifts than it is now receiving. In view of this seeming varied policy of Synod regarding these various forms of gifts, we respectfully request that Synod define its policy with reference to that.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCE CONFERENCE.

The following report of the committee was *adopted*:—

Resolved, That, since the Lord has blessed many of the Christian people in our churches also with much material wealth, Synod, in accordance with such Scripture-passages as 1 Tim. 6, 17—19, encourages the giving of large sums of money by means of legacies, bequests, endowments, annuities, and the like, for any and all purposes of Synod or for Synod's work as such.

Resolved, That the regulations governing annuities shall be established by the Board of Directors.

Auditor's Report.

(German Report, p. 294.)

Your Board of Auditors, consisting of William Schlake, Arnold Abel, and Edward W. Jaeger, respectfully submits the following report.

Your Board found conditions with reference to reports from various boards and commissions of Synod to be the same as outlined in previous reports. The following is a list of reports which should be forwarded to your Board. Only those marked with an asterisk reported at all, while only those marked with two asterisks made complete reports:—

- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo., Indigent Students' Fund.
- Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.
- Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill., Indigent Students' Fund.
- * Teachers' College, River Forest, Ill.
- Teachers' College, Seward, Nebr.
- Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.
- Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.
- ** Concordia College, Conover, N. C.

- Concordia Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.
- Concordia Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., Library and Science Fund.
- St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.
- St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., Indigent Students' Fund.
- Concordia College, Portland, Oreg.
- California Concordia College, Oakland, Cal.
- Concordia College, Edmonton, Can.
- * Concordia College, Porto Alegre, Brazil, South America.
- St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo.
- St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo., Indigent Students' Fund.
- Home Missions of North America.
- Home Missions in Foreign Countries.
- * Foreign Missions.
- Missions in India and China.
- Deaf-mute Missions.
- Foreign-tongue Missions.
- Jewish Mission.
- Indian Mission.
- Immigrant and Seamen's Missions.
- * Board of Support.
- Relief Fund.
- General Church Extension Fund.
- Board of Relief.
- ** Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States.
- ** Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.
- ** Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund.
- * Financial Agent of Building Committee for St. Louis Seminary.

The foregoing list shows what consideration was given the resolution of the 1923 Synod which requested cooperation and complete reports. It simply shows the need of a comptroller system of operation. Toward this end, suggestions were made to the Board of Directors that detailed periodical reports be sent to the Fiscal Office for the use of your Audit Board and such officers of Synod as would be entitled to the information.

These suggestions were the basis of much study on the part of the Financial Secretary, who evolved plans for submission to the Board of Directors. The plans will do much toward producing uniform records; but in order to bring about thorough, efficient audits of all books and accounts of Synod, we respectfully recommend that Synod adopt the following resolutions:—

A. *Resolved*, That all moneys for any and all regular and special purposes of any of Synod's educational institutions, including mess funds and students' funds, shall be paid to, and accounted for by, the treasurer of the respective institution; and be it further

B. *Resolved*, That all such moneys shall be deposited in a bank or banks designated by the respective local board and to the credit of an account in the name of the respective institution; and be it further

C. *Resolved*, That the treasurer of the respective board shall make all payments by check upon the receipt of properly executed vouchers, which shall give, in detail, the name of the payee, the

amount to be paid, the purpose of such payment, and the account to be charged; and be it further

D. *Resolved*, That all synodical boards and commissions receiving and disbursing moneys subject to audit shall be required to make a detailed monthly report of all receipts and disbursements to Synod's *Board of Auditors*; and be it further

E. *Resolved*, That all of Synod's educational institutions shall adopt as their fiscal year the period from July 1 to June 30; and be it finally

F. *Resolved*, That all other synodical boards and commissions shall adopt a fiscal year that is parallel to Synod's fiscal year, i. e., February 1 to January 31.

WHEREAS, The by-laws to Synod's constitution, in Article 11, defining the "Rights and Duties of Officers," under Chapter "B. Of the President," § 6, prescribe that

"Der Praeses ernennt Revisionskommissionen, die die Kassenbuecher der verschiedenen Kommissionen und Behoerden von Zeit zu Zeit zu pruefen und den Befund ihrer Pruefung der von der Synode erwaehten Revisionskommission schriftlich zu uebermitteln haben. Fuer die Revision der Buecher des Kassierers der Synode und des Generalagenten des Concordia Publishing House erwaeht die Synode selbst eine Revisionskommission, die alljaehrlich eine Revision vorzunehmen hat"; and

WHEREAS, The regulations for officers, boards, and committees of Synod as recorded in the *Synodalhandbuch*, Article 4, for the Board of Auditors, §§ 2 and 3, read as follows:—

"Die Revisionskommission prueft selbst oder laesst durch ein von ihr ernanntes Komitee jaehrlich die Kassenbuecher einer jeden Anstalt, die Haushaltskasse eingeschlossen, revidieren. Sie erbittet sich einen geprueften Bericht von den Behoerden der Distriktsanstalten und berichtet dann in einem alle diese Anstalten umfassenden Schreiben an das Board of Directors das Resultat.

"3. Besondere Revisionskommissionen werden, wie folgt, ernannt:

"a. fuer die Kassen der verschiedenen Missionskommissionen vom Praeses der Synode;

"b. fuer die Gelder, die durch die Hand des Praeses der Synode gehen, vom ersten Vizepraeses der Synode.

"c. Fuer die Studentenkasernen der verschiedenen Lehranstalten bilden die betreffenden Aufsichtsbehorden die Revisionskommission";

WHEREAS, These regulations are not in agreement with the by-laws to the constitution referred to above, therefore we respectfully submit for your consideration and eventual adoption the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That we repeal §§ 2 and 3 of Article 6 of the regulations for the Board of Auditors, as quoted above; and be it further

Resolved, That we amend the by-laws of the constitution, Article 11, Chapter B, § 6, to read as follows:—

"§ 6. Der Praeses ernennt Revisionskommissionen, die die Kassenbuecher aller Synodalkommissionen und -behorden jaehrlich zu pruefen und den Befund ihrer Pruefung der von der Synode erwaehten Revisionskommission schriftlich zu uebermitteln haben. Glieder der Revisionskommissionen sollen nicht zu gleicher Zeit Glieder der Kommission oder Behoerde sein, deren Kassenbuecher sie pruefen. Fuer die Revision der Buecher des Kassierers der Synode und des Generalagenten des Concordia Publishing House erwaeht die Synode selbst eine Revisionskommission, die alljaehrlich eine Revision vorzunehmen hat."

"§ 6. The President shall appoint auditing committees, which shall annually audit the books of all synodical boards and committees and report such audit in writing to the Board of Auditors elected by the Synod. Members of auditing committees shall not be members of the respective board or committee whose books they are to audit. The Synod itself shall elect the auditing committee which annually is to audit the books of the Treasurer of Synod and those of the Manager of Concordia Publishing House." And be it finally

Resolved, That we adopt as § 2 of Article 6 of the Regulations for the Board of Auditors the following:—

"§ 2. Die Revisionskommission soll alljaehrlich einen umfassenden Bericht ueber alle Revisionen an das Board of Directors machen."

"§ 2. The Board of Auditors shall annually make a comprehensive report on all audits to the Board of Directors of Synod."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHLAKE. ARNOLD ABEL. EDWARD W. JAEGER.

Action.

Recommendations A, B, and C were *adopted* without change. Recommendation D was adopted with the addition: "This regulation to become effective for all synodical institutions July 1, 1926, and for all other boards and commissions February 1, 1927.

Recommendations E and F were *adopted* unchanged.

The following recommendation of the committee was also *adopted*: "*Resolved*, That paragraph 3 of the regulations for the Board of Auditors (p. 42 of the *Synodical Handbook*) be repealed, and that to paragraph 6 in the By-Laws, "Duties of the President" (*Synodical Handbook*, p. 19), the following sentence be added after the words "elected by Synod": "Members of auditing committees shall not be members of the respective board or committee whose books they are to audit."

B. Miscellaneous Resolutions Pertaining to Finances.

Synodical Budget.

(German Report, p. 297.)

Overture 608 emanating from the Financial Secretary, Mr. Theo. W. Eckhart, and approved by the Board of Directors, suggested five resolutions in order clearly to establish Synod's policy regarding its annual budget. On recommendation of Committee 15 Synod passed the following *resolutions*, which embodied these recommendations:—

Resolved, That the Board of Directors be, and it hereby is, authorized and instructed to include the following activities or treasuries in the synodical budget, to wit: Board of Support, General Church Extension, Contingent Reserve Fund, Deaf-mute Missions, European Missions, Foreign Missions, Foreign-tongue Missions, General Home Missions, Immigrant and Seamen's Missions, Indian Missions, Jewish Mission, Negro Missions, South American Missions, Synodical Treasury, and Synodical Building Fund.

Resolved, That all synodical boards and commissions whose activities are included in the Synodical Budget, be, and they hereby are, authorized and instructed to include in their respective budget requests to the Board of Directors *any* and *all* anticipated necessary expenses incident to the successful execution of their respective activities, excepting as may be otherwise provided.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference shall give such budget requests due and proper consideration and shall make adequate provision in the Synodical Budget for them, provided that such budget requests do not contain items inconsistent with, or contrary to, the established policies and precedents of Synod, and that the aggregate of such budget requests is not inconsistent with the financial ability of Synod, the judgment in these matters resting with the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference.

Resolved, That the sums designated in the budget adopted *shall be available* to the respective boards and commissions for the purpose or purposes outlined in their respective budget requests, payable in the prescribed manner during the fiscal year covered by the budget, provided that for the Building Fund and for the Church Extension Fund only such moneys shall be disbursed as have been actually paid in and that the two-thirds rule of Synod for its building program be herewith repealed.

Resolved, That members of the various boards of Synod shall not solicit moneys from churches and societies in addition to the sums allowed them in the budget, unless they have been authorized to do so by the Board of Directors. It is understood that when extra gifts are given for special purposes, if such purposes are not included in the budget, then such gifts shall inure to the exclusive benefit of such particular purposes.

Building Fund in Budget.

(German Report, p. 299.)

Overture 610, emanating from the Financial Secretary, Mr. Theo. W. Eckhart, and endorsed by the Board of Directors recommended that the Synodical Building Fund be included in the budget.

Report of Committee 15.

With reference to Overture 610 your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions suggested in that overture:—

Resolved, That the term "Synodical Building Fund" shall be understood to include any and all items authorized or appropriated by Synod for its colleges and seminaries that will tend to maintain or increase the value of its real or personal property, such as lands, buildings, additions to, and repairs on, buildings, equipment, maintenance of equipment, and improvement taxes.

Resolved, That the amount to be included in the annual budget for the Synodical Building Fund shall be approximately equal to one-third of the aggregate sum appropriated by Synod for the purposes defined in the previous paragraph, thus spreading the total appropriation over a period of three years.

Nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as limiting the discretionary powers given the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference to consider the state of the Building Fund Treasury (*i. e.*, any existing balance or deficit) in fixing the amount of the budget.

Adoption of these resolutions shall automatically repeal the limitation to the Contingent Reserve Fund budget adopted at Fort Wayne, Ind., in June, 1923, recorded in the proceedings of the Thirty-second Delegate Convention, on page 220, reading as follows: "with the limitation . . . that the Building Fund be not included in the budget when the 2½ per cent. are figured."

This report, together with its recommendation, was *adopted*.

Permanent Endowment for the Synodical Treasury.

(German Report, p. 300.)

We, the Arlington-Heights Special Conference, respectfully urge upon Synod the advisability of establishing a permanent endowment for the Synodical Treasury.

The reasons which prompt us to advise the establishment of such endowment are:—

1. Synod's treasuries, and, especially, the Synodical Treasury, show an ever-increasing deficit every year.
2. Synod's spasmodic efforts to wipe out this deficit have been effective only for the time being, if at all.
3. We have made the experience, and, without overstepping the

bounds of truth, we can state that it has been the experience of the majority of our brethren, that it is a very difficult matter to get the needed funds for this treasury from our congregations in the manner practised heretofore.

4. Synod's institutions, which depend upon this treasury for running expenses, are the heart of Synod, without which the other departments of Synod's work cannot function properly and in the end must cease. The Synodical Treasury is on this account Synod's main treasury and of necessity must be supplied before others.

For these reasons we respectfully submit the following plan to place this our most important treasury upon a sound financial basis.

Have a certain per cent. (we advise 10 per cent.) of all moneys included in the budget for each year added to the yearly budget as an extra budget item; this sum to be set aside as the nucleus of a permanent endowment for the Synodical Treasury. The sums which accrue in the course of years to remain intact until a stipulated sum (\$5,000,000) has been reached, — the interest of which will be sufficient to provide adequately for this treasury, — when the interest only may be used for this purpose.

In this manner Synod will make wise provision for the future, if not for the immediate present, and will eventually wipe out the disgrace of a yearly deficit in its most important treasury.

We herewith also respectfully advise other ways and means of supplying this treasury with the necessary endowment.

Sincerely hoping that Synod will give this important matter due consideration and praying God to grant Synod His richest blessings for all its deliberations, we are,

Respectfully,

THE ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SPECIAL CONFERENCE;
per HENRY HEISE.

Prairie View, Ill., January 13, 1926.

Report of Committee 15.

With reference to Overture 609 your Committee submits the following report: Barring the question whether or not it is wise that moneys for such an important treasury as the Synodical Treasury be derived from an endowment fund, your committee calls attention to the fact that even at the present time the necessary moneys included in the budget have not been paid and therefore thinks it unwise to add, as proposed, an additional sum for the purpose of establishing an endowment fund for the Synodical Treasury. Your Committee therefore recommends the following resolution:—

Resolved, That Synod reject the recommendation of Overture 609. This report, together with its recommendation, was *adopted*.

Effective Date of Appropriations.

(German Report, p. 301.)

Synod's fiscal business has had considerable attention during recent years, and numerous practises have been adopted tending to make it more efficient. Primarily, Synod has endeavored to bring its offerings, or receipts, up to the expected necessary disbursements. The latter, in turn, are established by a budget, which is prepared annually by the Board of Directors after a careful survey of the field and much correspondence with Synod's various boards and commissions. If it is to serve its purpose, such a budget must be accepted by the Districts and members of Synod as a true and correct presentation of Synod's needs in so far as it is humanly possible to establish them. Much progress has been made in this regard, the budget now being generally accepted. The Districts, as a whole, are approving it by incorporating in it their District budgets, thus bringing it to the official attention of all congregations and missions.

Following established precedent, the budget is fixed for a fiscal year. In order not to cause any disturbance, Synod should be mindful of this fact and not make any appropriations to become effective prior to the next fiscal year. If this is observed, the Board of Directors will have ample opportunity to incorporate such appropriations in the regular budget. If, however, it is vitally necessary that appropriations be immediately available, then special means of financing should be found. In order to insure such orderly practises in the future, we respectfully submit the following resolution for your consideration and eventual adoption:—

(A) *Resolved*, That appropriations made, or to be made, by any Delegate Convention of Synod shall not become effective prior to the beginning of the fiscal year next following the sessions of the Delegate Synod making such appropriations.

(B) Be it provided, however, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be so construed as to affect any appropriations for which the necessary funds are available or for which specific and adequate means of financing have been provided.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. W. ECKHART, *Financial Secretary*.

St. Louis, Mo., April 9, 1926.

The Board of Directors approves this memorial.

On recommendation of Committee 15 the resolution given under A and B was *adopted*.

When Appropriations of Delegate Synod Should Go into Effect.

(Overture 619.)

WHEREAS, An appreciable number of congregations meet their synodical obligations by means of a budget operating from January to December; and

WHEREAS, General synodical appropriations usually are passed in May or June; and

WHEREAS, Congregations with a budget system operating between January and December are delayed until January next following the time of the appropriation in gathering funds to meet their quota of the appropriation; therefore be it

Resolved, That all appropriations passed at the triennial convention of Synod go into effect on January 1 next following the date of appropriation.

Respectfully tendered,

CHRIST CHURCH, LUTHERAN,
Fifth Avenue at Irving, San Francisco, Cal.

For the Council of Christ Church:

ERNEST VON HESEN.

This overture was taken care of by the resolution that appropriations go into effect at the beginning of Synod's fiscal year, February 1.

Disposition of Dividends of Concordia Publishing House.

(German Report, p. 303.)

For many years Synod has been realizing a profit out of its publishing business. Traditionally these profits have flown into the Synodical Treasury. We believe that the time has come when a change in policy can and should be made. We, therefore, offer the following resolutions for your consideration:—

1. WHEREAS, Ever since the early years of Synod's history the profits accruing to Synod from its publishing activities have been paid into the Synodical Treasury; and

2. WHEREAS, In many years such profits almost equaled and, in several instances, actually exceeded the gross disbursements out of the Synodical Treasury; and

3. WHEREAS, During the last few years the budget for the Synodical Treasury has been so increased that the profits from the publishing business are but a minor part of the necessary gross receipts; and

4. WHEREAS, It should be our purpose to benefit all of Synod's budgeted activities with the profits of the publishing business; and

5. WHEREAS, We now have a method that provides for automatic equitable distribution of moneys among all of Synod's budgeted treasuries, i. e., the Budget Treasury; therefore be it

(A) *Resolved*, That we repeal the resolution of the 1917 Delegate Synod as recorded in the 1917 Proceedings, page 144, § III, B, which provides that the treasury of the Board of Support shall be benefited "by an additional allowance of 10 per cent. of the net profits of Concordia Publishing House"; and be it further

(B) *Resolved*, That, commencing with February 1, 1927, all profits, proceeds, or dividends paid to Synod by Concordia Publishing House be credited to the Budget Treasury; and be it finally

(C) *Resolved*, That each of the regular treasuries of Synod, budgeted by Synod, receive an equitable portion of all such profits, proceeds, or dividends paid into the Budget Treasury, such equitable portion to be established by the relation which each treasury, budgeted by Synod, has to the entire budget of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. W. ECKHART, *Financial Secretary*.

St. Louis, Mo., April 9, 1926.

The Board of Directors approves this memorial.

On recommendation of Committee 15 Resolutions A, B, and C were adopted.

Reserve Fund to Cover Losses Sustained by Fire.

(Overture 621. — German Report, p. 304.)

The Pastoral Conference of Chicago, Ill., hereby submits for your consideration and favorable action the following proposal.

It is well known that Synod has from its beginning carried no fire insurance on any of its property. In view of the exceedingly high cost of premiums which would be required to protect adequately the large number of buildings and the comparatively slight loss by fire, this policy is undoubtedly sound.

Nevertheless, fires do occur, and destroyed buildings must be rebuilt. This requires a large sum of money, which must be collected after the loss has occurred, often with great difficulty and loss of time. It is obvious that, if a large reserve fund were immediately available, construction could be begun without any delay.

Such a sum could, in our opinion, be accumulated in the following manner:—

Let the Boards of Control of all our institutions compile a complete list of all the buildings under their respective jurisdiction and place a fair valuation on every building. Then obtain from a local insurance agent the amount of the premiums the stock companies

would charge on every building. These statements are to be forwarded to the Board of Directors of Synod, the Financial Secretary, or some other official to be designated, who shall compute a premium for every institution on the basis of 10, 15, or 25 per cent. of the stock companies' rates. These premiums are to be paid as a regular part of the current expenses of the institutions and to be held and invested by the proper synodical authorities. If by God's grace we should be spared a loss and the reserve fund should be sufficiently large to provide for any contingency, the official in charge would advise the institutions to discontinue payments.

This method is followed by many large corporations, who thus carry their own insurance. It was also done in the interest of our Concordia Publishing House, by order of Synod.

We, therefore, recommend to your honorable body the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of Synod make provisions for the accumulation of a reserve fund to cover any fire losses which may occur at any of our synodical institutions, along the general lines of the plan submitted by the Pastoral Conference of Chicago.

Very respectfully,

THE COMMITTEE:

E. F. HAERTEL. W. C. A. MARTENS. J. H. WITTE.

Recommendation of Committee 15.

With reference to Overture 621 your Committee recommends that the resolution offered to make provisions for the accumulation of a reserve fund to cover any fire losses which may occur at any of our synodical institutions be at the present time rejected.

This recommendation was *adopted*.

C. Liquidation of Debts.

Plan to Wipe Out the Debt in the Budgeted Treasuries.

(German Report, p. 305.)

WHEREAS, Our beloved Synod for many years has been laboring under a deficit in its budgeted treasuries; and

WHEREAS, The work of the Church is being seriously hampered by this continuing deficit; and

WHEREAS, This deficit exerts a depressing and discouraging influence upon our congregations and their individual members, especially upon such congregations and members as are doing their utmost to raise the amounts apportioned to them; and

WHEREAS, There is no just reason for the existence of such annual deficits, since our people could well afford to raise the money

necessary to carry on the work of the Lord, and would do so if they were properly and thoroughly informed concerning the needs of their Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Delegate Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, convened at St. Louis, Mo., June 9—18, 1926, be and hereby is petitioned to adopt the following resolutions, or others having the same purport and object:

"1. That a Synod-wide collection be held for the purpose of wiping out the deficit existing in the budgeted treasuries of Synod not now covered in the 1926 budget;

"2. That the six remaining months of the year 1926 be set aside as the time for putting this collection into effect;

"3. That the right of way be given to this one undertaking to the positive exclusion of any and all other general so-called 'drives,' or 'campaigns';

"4. That all official delegates, both pastors and laymen, be obligated to report these resolutions to the congregations of their respective circuits as soon as possible after the adjournment of Synod;

"5. That a Ways and Means Committee be appointed whose duty it shall be to prepare a plan of action for conducting said collection and to have printed and distributed such literature as may be deemed necessary for the purpose of convincing all our Christians that the wiping out of this debt is absolutely essential to a greater measure of success in carrying out our divine commission: 'Preach the Gospel to every creature!'

THE SOUTHERN INDIANA PASTORS' CONFERENCE,

in session at Emmaus Church, Cincinnati, O., April 6—8, 1926.

GEORGE J. MEYER, *Chairman*.

WALTER LITTMANN, *Secretary*.

THE LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE OF THE INDIANAPOLIS-LOUISVILLE
OFFICIAL VISITING CIRCUITS.

E. O. LOTHMAN, *Chairman*.

Two unprinted memorials also related to this matter.

Endorsement of Previous Memorial.

The Lutheran Laymen's League, assembled in convention on June 7 and 8, seriously considered the large debt in the budgeted treasuries of Synod. In our opinion this huge debt will have a depressing effect on the convention when it considers the many appropriations asked for.

Since the Lutheran Laymen's League is organized especially to aid the Synod by word and deed in business and financial affairs, we submit the following resolutions for your consideration:—

Be it resolved that we heartily endorse Overture 611, which recommends a plan to wipe out the debt in the budgeted treasuries of Synod.

Be it further resolved that an effort be made by all congregations throughout Synod to encourage each and every member to contribute at least 25 cents a month for each of the six remaining months of this year for the purpose above mentioned. However, this contribution shall in no way affect the collection of the 1926 budget.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHERAN LAYMEN'S LEAGUE.

GEO. HARMS, *Acting President.*

A. G. BRAUER, *Secretary.*

Deficit in Treasury.

"WHEREAS, Our Synod has for many years been laboring under a deficit in its budgeted treasuries; and

"WHEREAS, The work of the Church is seriously being hampered by this continuing deficit; and

"WHEREAS, This deficit exerts a depressing and discouraging influence upon our congregations and their individual members, especially upon such congregations and members as are doing their utmost to raise the amounts apportioned to them; and

"WHEREAS, These deplorable conditions are the result of a lack of proper application of methods of systematic approach and conscientious and thorough follow-up rather than a lack of information as such; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the Delegate Convention of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, assembled at St. Louis, Mo., June 9—18, 1926, be and is hereby petitioned to direct its Fiscal Office to secure from all congregations that have not paid their 1925 apportionment pledges for the amount which they are in arrears for the fiscal year 1925; and be it furthermore

"Resolved, To incorporate the indebtedness still remaining after these pledges have been deducted in the appropriations of the general convention for the coming triennium; and be it finally

"Resolved, That the Board of Directors be urged to employ a competent full-time field man, whose responsibility it shall be to collect the amounts appropriated by the General Body and to prevent a recurrence of such an indebtedness as the present one."

We believe that an arrangement of this nature would be preferable to a separate drive to cover the present indebtedness.

FORT WAYNE AND VICINITY

PASTORS' AND TEACHERS' EASTER CONFERENCE.

R. J. MUELLER, *Secretary.*

The following recommendations of the Financial Conference were also considered in this connection:—

Plan to Assist the Financial Secretary.

WHEREAS, We are confronted with the necessity to wipe out the debt in the budgeted treasuries of Synod, we feel that it also becomes necessary to devise definite plans to prevent a recurrence of further deficits in these treasuries; and

WHEREAS, So much depends upon the proper dissemination of the proper information for a better education of all of our people; and

WHEREAS, Considering the voluminous duties of the present Financial Secretary, Mr. Eckhart, it is impossible for him at the present time to perform this important work; therefore be it

Resolved, That we engage further regular help in the Fiscal Office to issue and publish such information at the proper time in order to gain better results in the collections for the synodical treasuries.

Respectfully submitted for the Financial Conference, in session at Holy Cross School, St. Louis, Mo., June 7 and 8, 1926.

Financial Conference to Be Permanent.

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of Synod, through the Financial Secretary, Mr. Eckhart, has called a meeting of fiscal officers of each District; and

WHEREAS, Synod's Districts and congregations derived untold benefits from these conferences for more unified and systematic collections of Synod's budget; and

WHEREAS, We are convinced that Synod's Districts and congregations would derive still more benefit from such conferences, especially since more intensive and unified efforts have to be made to solicit gifts from each and every congregation and communicant; therefore be it

Resolved by Synod, That such a conference of fiscal officers of each District be called every year by Synod, each District to be represented by one delegate. Since these fiscal officers could be of material assistance to the presidents in apportioning the budget, we suggest that such conferences be held at the time when the presidents meet to distribute the calls.

Respectfully submitted for the Financial Conference in session at Holy Cross School, St. Louis, Mo., June 7 and 8, 1926.

Report of Committee 15 on Finances.

Your Committee, appointed by the President of Synod to review certain overtures referring to financial matters and to make recommendations to Synod, has carefully discussed the financial problems which are presented in said overtures.

Your Committee finds that the chief problem, concerning the solution of which said overtures make suggestions to Synod, is *the problem of avoiding the recurrence of deficits in the regular treasuries of Synod.*

Overture 611 and two unprinted overtures deal with this problem. In Overture 611 the following facts are mentioned, which your Committee, for the sake of emphasis, desires to bring to the special attention of Synod: 1) For many years Synod's work has been hampered by large deficits in the regular treasuries. 2) Some congregations have raised the amount apportioned to them, while others have not. 3) There is no good reason for the existence of our annual deficits, since our people can well afford to raise the money necessary to carry on the work of the Lord; and they would do so if they were thoroughly and properly informed concerning the needs of their Church.

It is a fact which we must acknowledge not only in justice to our people, but with due gratitude to our God that the people in our churches have during the last three years contributed to Synod's work in a much increased measure. But while this must be, and cheerfully is, acknowledged, it would be a sad mistake for any one to think that the financial resources of our Synod have been almost exhausted and that, at least for a few years, our people ought not to be asked to give for large financial appropriations. By studying the financial reports, your Committee has learned that during the past three years our congregations have raised only the following very small amounts per communicant member for the budget treasury of Synod: 1923, \$1.22; 1924, \$1.25; 1925, \$1.43. Your Committee has also convinced itself that this very small average contribution is not to be accounted for by large contributions which have been made to Synod's unusually large building program during the past three years; for not only did our members in the previous three years, when Synod had no large building program, not give more, but even much less, but also the average contribution per communicant member for Synod's large Building Fund during the past three years has been only \$2.17. Or if we add what our members paid for all treasuries of Synod, including the Building Fund, the average contribution per communicant member during the past three years has been only \$3.47. In view of the fact that we know that many members of Synod have paid far more than this small average, the individual gifts ranging all the way from \$25, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, to \$10,000 and more, even to almost \$90,000 in the case of one individual, it is very evident that a very large number of members in our Synod have contributed much less than the average of \$3.47. In fact, we have reason to believe that many contributed only a nominal sum and not a few nothing at all.

Your Committee, therefore, must heartily endorse the statement made in Overture 611, which says that "our people could well afford to raise the money necessary to carry on the work of the Lord." In other words, your Committee is firmly convinced *that the financial needs of Synod do not exceed the financial possibilities of Synod* and that, therefore, the reason for our deficits must be found in the fact that *not every member contributed regularly and frequently toward defraying the expenses of Synod.* Your Committee believes that this is due to four facts: 1) that, after all, many of our Christians do not sufficiently know what the Bible teaches about the Christian's duty of giving, as well as about its privileges and blessings; 2) that many of our Christian people, because of the sinful nature that is still within them and due to the influence of the materialistic spirit of our age, fail to give that evidence of a large measure of love of Christ and of His Church which the Lord expects; 3) that even now most of our people are not thoroughly informed with reference to the needs of the Church in its various branches of work and therefore, because of a lack of interest, are kept from supplying those needs; 4) that in many instances the methods used to solicit and collect moneys for the Church are altogether inadequate.

In view of the entire situation as your Committee has carefully studied it, your Committee is convinced that the petition of the brethren in Overture 611 should be taken very seriously, namely, *that Synod take some definite action both to relieve and to remedy a situation which has been, and still is, a direct hindrance to the Lord's work.*

The brethren in Overture 611 recommend that during the remaining six months of this year a Synod-wide collection be held for the purpose of wiping out the present large deficit of more than \$600,000, or that Synod adopt some other resolution having the same purport and object. Your Committee cannot endorse the plan suggested by the brethren in Overture 611 nor a similar plan presented in two other unprinted overtures, namely, that an effort be made this year to collect sufficient moneys to wipe out the present large deficit. Your Committee doubts whether under the circumstances this could be done and is convinced that even if it could be done the financial situation in our Synod would thereby not be essentially changed. Your Committee believes that Synod ought to take some action which will *strike at the root of its financial troubles* in order that the recurrence of our large deficits be avoided and that larger sums be available for Synod's work. Your Committee therefore makes the following recommendations:—

1. *Resolved*, That an educational campaign, which shall include Biblical indoctrination on Christian giving, information in reference to the needs of the Church, and systematic, regular, and frequent

collection of moneys from *every* individual communicant member be *at once* begun throughout Synod.

2. *Resolved*, That all the members of Synod, especially the District presidents and their finance committees, be requested heartily to cooperate with the officers of Synod in order that, with the Lord's help, not only the present large deficit be wiped out, but that by regular, frequent, and systematic giving on the part of every communicant member in our Synod a recurrence of deficits be avoided and much more money than is now available be collected, in order that Synod may not neglect to use the unusual opportunities which the Lord has given it just at this time, by means of the pure Gospel, to extend the kingdom of Christ.

3. *Resolved*, That, in order to carry out the previous resolutions, the Board of Directors of Synod, in accordance with the overture "A Plan to Assist the Financial Secretary," add at least one more man to Synod's Fiscal Office, who shall also give his full time and attention to Synod's financial affairs.

4. *Resolved*, That, in accordance with the overture "Financial Conference to Be Permanent," a meeting of the fiscal officers of the Districts, each District to be represented by its president and one of its financial officers, be held annually for the purpose of reviewing and discussing the financial situation of Synod and making such recommendations to the various Districts as will help them to solve their financial problems.

5. *Resolved*, That this annual Fiscal Conference be held at St. Louis at the time when the College of District Presidents meets to assign calls to the graduates of our seminaries, excepting in the year of the Delegate Synod, when such conference shall be held at the time when, and at the place where, Synod convenes.

This report, together with its recommended resolutions, was *adopted*.

D. Support.

Report of the Board of Support. Abridged.

(German Report, p. 311.)

By the grace of God the work of caring for sick and aged professors, pastors, and teachers, as well as their widows and orphans, which has been entrusted to your Board, has continued without interruption. The subcommittee of the Districts rendered efficient help. Where claimants live in Germany, officials of the Free Church gave advice. In the past three years 1,600 applications were examined, and \$634,953.45 was paid by the treasurer.

The Support Conference met May 6—8, 1924, at Indianapolis to deliberate on ways and means of carrying out the resolutions of Synod. In the interest of economy no conference was held in 1925. Instead, the meeting will take place right before opening of Synod.

PENSION.

Regarding the introduction of a partial pension system for such ministers of the Word as have served a certain number of years and have reached a certain age (see *Synodalbericht* of 1923, p. 184, § 3), the Support Conference passed the following resolutions:—

"I. WHEREAS, The question of General Pension has been extensively considered by the Support Conference and presented to many conferences and Districts for their deliberation without any feasible solution of the problem; and

"WHEREAS, Upon expert study and survey of the feasibility of a General Pension system, it has been found that it would require two funds which are not now available, *viz.*:—

"1. A requisite Endowment Fund to cover 'accrued liabilities' for service rendered;

"2. A requisite reserve fund to cover 'accruing liabilities,' that is, liabilities for services to be rendered; and

"WHEREAS, The acquirement of such funds would necessitate

"1. The proportionate enlargement of our present Endowment Fund to cover accrued liabilities and

"2. Instead of voluntary non-voluntary contributions toward a reserve fund by all active men in the service of the Church to cover accruing liabilities; and

"WHEREAS, The experience of other church-bodies demonstrates that a 1 per cent. payment (M. E. Church) for annuity service under the plan of non-voluntary contributions for the reserve fund is entirely inadequate, but, instead, the payment of 7½ per cent. (Episcopal Church), or \$150 on a \$2,000 salary, would necessarily be required; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That we, the Support Conference, cannot at the present time recommend a General Pension system.

"II. WHEREAS, Even under a General Pension system 'necessitous cases' arise which require additional support over and above the payment provided on the basis of mere annuity service, and the degree of such need must be ascertained by a special investigation; finally,

"WHEREAS, Our present system permits of an adequate support for all beneficiaries; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That under existing conditions we recommend the continuation and financial strengthening of the present method of support."

The Conference also resolved to cancel the sentence about the pension of those who had reached the age of sixty-eight, which had been adopted in 1922.

LIST OF NAMES.

The instructions of Synod that District presidents in their presidential reports not only make mention of the fact that N. N., has resigned, but also state whether he is eligible for the holy office or not, has not been generally followed. This ought to be done in order that the Board may later on judge of the validity of a claim for support.

Such a claim presupposes membership in Synod. Every servant of the Word, whether active, emeritus, or temporarily out of office, who wishes to apply for support, must be a member of a synodical District. His name ought therefore to be recorded in one of the official lists of the Districts in the Synodical Report. At present the list of names published in the *Kalender* and *Annual* is considered the official list; however, it contains a number of names which are not recorded in any District list.

SOCIETIES.

Almost all societies which have employed or called ministers of the Word belonging to Synod have paid the sum stipulated by Synod into the Support Treasury.

The Synodical Conference has accepted the offer of Synod eventually to support those members of our Synod who labor in the Colored Missions carried on by the Synodical Conference, as well as their survivors, and entered into an agreement with the Board of Support. However, this agreement has to date not been carried out by the proper authorities.

ANNUITY BONDS.

To date twelve annuity bonds, amounting to \$27,025, have been added to the fund. The interest of one, amounting to \$5,000, is already paid into the Support Treasury. The interest of the remaining is still being paid to the donors.

MEMORIAL WREATH (MINDEKRANZ).

The fine practise of making a donation to the Support Fund, or Treasury, as a memorial to a deceased person is gradually becoming a settled custom. It need hardly be mentioned that at the death of servants of the Word that treasury from which their survivors are supported is the first to receive consideration. Appropriate memorial cards may be obtained gratis. It is to be wished that all District and congregational papers would follow the example of some, which reserve a special column for such notices.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPPORT.

Checks Issued 1923.		Checks Issued 1924.		Checks Issued 1925.	
DISTRICTS.		DISTRICTS.		DISTRICTS.	
Alberta and British Columbia	\$ 1398.00	Alberta and British Columbia	\$ 1544.00	Alberta and British Columbia	\$ 1404.00
Atlantic	5604.00	Atlantic	6100.00	Atlantic	6164.00
California and Nevada	3770.00	California and Nevada	5610.00	California and Nevada	4340.00
Canada	1128.00	Colorado	2880.00	Colorado	2910.00
Colorado	3050.00	English	1963.00	English	2440.00
English	2088.00	Iowa	10628.00	Iowa	10373.00
Iowa	9667.00	Kansas	9179.00	Kansas	8590.00
Kansas	7796.00	Manitoba and Saskatchewan	840.00	Manitoba and Saskatchewan	910.00
Manitoba and Saskatchewan	1200.00	Michigan	13424.00	Michigan	16194.00
Michigan	12899.00	Minnesota	15680.00	Minnesota	17993.00
Minnesota	19061.00	Central	21006.00	Central	22670.16
Central	19061.00	North Dakota	2806.00	North Dakota	2255.00
North Dakota	2616.00	Northern Illinois	18945.00	Northern Illinois	22158.00
Northern Illinois	16236.00	Northern Nebraska	3104.00	North Wisconsin	5656.00
Northern Nebraska	3492.00	North Wisconsin	4696.00	Eastern	11047.00
North Wisconsin	3792.00	Eastern	10355.00	Oklahoma	1800.00
Eastern	9338.00	Ontario	2040.00	Ontario	2130.00
Oregon and Washington	1440.00	Oregon and Washington	1440.00	Oregon and Washington	2040.00
South Dakota	3776.00	South Dakota	4472.00	South Dakota	5944.00
Southern	2034.00	Southern	1824.00	Southern	1530.00
Southern Illinois	7553.00	Southern Illinois	8066.00	Southern Illinois	8792.00
Southern Nebraska	7898.00	Southern Nebraska	10726.00	Southern Nebraska	10818.00
South Wisconsin	9706.00	South Wisconsin	10518.00	South Wisconsin	11480.00
Texas	5020.00	Texas	5335.00	Texas	5659.00
Western	16605.00	Western	19045.00	Western	20063.00
Central Illinois	8007.00	Central Illinois	8140.00	Central Illinois	8230.00
Missionaries	3436.00	Missionaries	4857.00	Missionaries	4648.00
Professors	6196.00	Professors	7175.00	Professors	6909.00
Expenses of the Board...	2013.49	Expenses of the Board...	2140.13	Expenses of the Board...	2568.67
	\$189079.49		\$214338.13		\$231535.83

Totals of Receipts and Disbursements.

Balance on hand (including checks outstanding)	\$ 7878.01
Receipts for 1923	\$188000.00
Receipts for 1924	212000.00
Receipts for 1925	228000.00
	628000.00
Checks returned and redeposited	2246.16
	\$638124.17
Disbursements for 1923	\$189079.49
Disbursements for 1924	214338.13
Disbursements for 1925	231535.83
	634953.45
	\$3170.72
	602.00
Less adjustments for outstanding drafts	
	\$2568.72
Balance in bank according to our records, January 18, 1926	

Report of Committee 16. — Action.

Your Committee begs leave to render the following report: —

1. Your Committee recommends the adoption of the Board of Support's report on pensions as given p. 203 of the memorials. — *Adopted.*

2. WHEREAS, It is necessary that the Board of Support, in order properly to function at all times, have an accurate list of all pastors, teachers, and professors who may lay claim to support;

WHEREAS, The board cannot depend on the list as given in the *Annual*;

WHEREAS, It is difficult at times to obtain an accurate list from the District presidents;

WHEREAS, It is absolutely necessary that such pastors, teachers, and professors as may lay claim to support maintain their connection with the synodical District; therefore your Committee

Recommends, That Synod declare the list of pastors, teachers, and professors appearing in the latest Proceedings (*Synodalberichte*) of the various Districts be considered the official list of Synod's pastors, teachers, and professors for the purposes of the Board of Support. — *Adopted.*

3. Your Committee expresses its gratification at the fact that the great majority of private charity, educational, and missionary organizations employing pastors, teachers, and professors of Synod has complied with the resolutions adopted by Synod at its last convention with respect to contributions to the Support Fund. — *Received.*

4. Your Committee furthermore is gratified to note that a larger fund is being made available to the Board of Support through the increase of the Annuity Fund, the growing custom of making use of the *Mindekrantz* for the Support Fund, and the personal contribu-

tions of pastors, teachers, and professors. The ever-increasing demand for support necessitates a larger fund. — *Received.*

5. As the number of women employed by synodical congregations as teachers in parochial schools is growing and as the Board of Support will eventually be approached for support by these woman teachers, your Committee respectfully requests that Synod answer in the affirmative the question contained in the following resolution of the Board of Support Conference: —

"Resolved, That the Board of Support Conference ask Synod whether in exceptional cases, when female teachers have been incapacitated after years of faithful service and have no other means of Support, they may be considered in the same class with pastors' and teachers' widows."

In this connection your Committee furthermore recommends that female workers in foreign fields who are in the service of our Board shall be entitled to support from the Support Treasury, unless they be otherwise provided for. — *Adopted.*

Full-Time Secretary for Board of Support.

The English District submits the following petitions to the convention of the Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States and requests adoption of the same.

WHEREAS, The work of the General Board of Support, respectively its secretary, has grown to enormous proportions, including the consideration of no less than 490 claims allowed in 1923, for example, or more than one claim a day; and

WHEREAS, No less than \$198,000 was disbursed by this Board during the year 1923; and

WHEREAS, No less than 1,100 persons were dependent upon the services of the General Board of Support in 1922; and

WHEREAS, The work of the General Board of Support, respectively its secretary, increases from year to year, making greater demands upon his time and energy; and

WHEREAS, Congregational duties are certain to interfere with the secretary's services to the Board of Support, or *vice versa*; and

WHEREAS, Nevertheless, prompt service is essential to prompt relief; and

WHEREAS, The L. L. L. Fund is altogether inadequate, and, as it appears, will be inadequate for years to come, to meet the demands made upon the Board of Support, making it necessary to receive formidable sums annually for this worthy cause; and

WHEREAS, Ample provisions to care for our Veterans of the Cross and their families is a positive duty of Synod; and

WHEREAS, Information regarding the needs and the circumstances of present and prospective dependents is essential to enlisting the interest of our congregations and people at large; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the General Body of the Missouri Synod at its next convention to call into service a full-time General Secretary with clerical help to conduct the affairs of the General Board of Support.

The District also voted to go on record as follows:—

"Although it is not possible at the present time to have a general pension system, we recommend that the English District go on record as urging Synod not to lose sight of the ultimate aim of establishing a Pension Fund."

J. FREDERIC WENCHEL, *Secretary*.

Action.

Synod *resolved* not to call a full-time secretary at this time, as present arrangements are satisfactory, but to authorize the Board of Support to employ clerical help for the relief of the Board's secretary.

Report of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund.

January 1, 1923, to December 31, 1925.

On January 1, 1923, the fund amounted to two million fifty thousand three hundred sixty-six dollars and twenty cents (\$2,050,366.20), and on December 31, 1925, it amounted to two million three hundred four thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$2,304,687.79), showing an increase of two hundred fifty-four thousand three hundred twenty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$254,321.59). This increase is accounted for as follows:—

Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) of this increase was received in June, 1923, from the Lutheran Laymen's League. The balance of four thousand three hundred twenty-one dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$4,321.59) is accounted for through exchange or reinvestment of bonds that had become due.

As stated in my report of three years ago, nearly all the fund is invested in registered United States Liberty Bonds. The fund is kept in a fire-proof and police-protected vault in the National Safe Deposit Co. in Chicago, and the box containing the fund cannot be opened except in the presence of the treasurer of the fund and one witness, either President Pfotenhauer or Mr. Fred C. Pritzlaff.

The treasurer has given a surety bond by a surety bond company.

The income of the fund was turned over to Mr. E. Seuel, Treasurer of Synod, for the benefit of the Board of Support in an amount of two hundred eighty-eight thousand dollars (\$288,000) during the period of the three years. One thousand two hundred seventeen dollars and ninety-two cents (\$1,217.92) is in the bank, being the balance on January 1, 1926.

The expense of taking care of the fund during the three years amounted to one hundred seven dollars and eighty cents (\$107.80), which was expended for rental of the safety-deposit box and the surety bond.

The books were audited every year by certified public accountants (Smart, Gore & Co. of Chicago). A copy of the audits was sent to your Board of Auditors, who, in the presence of President Pfotenhauer, on March 22, 1926, personally counted all the securities and made their report in the *Lutheran Witness* and *Lutheraner* as follows:

"The undersigned members of the General Auditing Board of Synod, together with the Hon. President F. Pfotenhauer, D. D., on March 22, 1926, inspected the securities of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund as outlined in the report of Messrs. Smart, Gore & Co., Certified Public Accountants, Chicago, for the period from January 1, 1925, to December 31, 1925.

"The books had been audited by Messrs. Smart, Gore & Co., which audit was accepted by your Board of Auditors, who in the presence of President F. Pfotenhauer, D. D., personally counted all the securities which were deposited for safe-keeping in the vaults of the National Safe Deposit Co., Chicago, Ill., and represent the Endowment Fund amounting to two million three hundred four thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$2,304,687.79), which agrees with the amount stated in the balance sheet."

"F. PFOTENHAUER, *President*.

"ARNOLD ABEL } *Members, General*

"EDWARD W. JAEGER } *Auditing Board.*"

The above report is respectfully submitted.

Chicago, Ill., March 24, 1926.

PAUL SCHULZE.

The report was *adopted*.

Contribution of the Lutheran Laymen's League to the Support Fund.

Report of the Treasurer.

(German Report, p. 318.)

"Mr. President:—

"Complying with the resolutions adopted by the Lutheran Laymen's League at a meeting of June 7, 1926, I now take pleasure in tendering your honorable body \$250,000, to be added to the permanent Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund, the income from which is to be used for the support of incapacitated pastors, professors, teachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased pastors, professors, and teachers.

"The securities covering this sum are now deposited in a fire-proof, police-protected safety vault of the First Wisconsin National

Bank of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and can be delivered to the treasurer of the permanent Endowment Fund at any time he is ready to receive them.

'Contributions are still coming in for this fund, and as we have a number of letters on file from congregations which will make their collections this fall, we hope to be able to turn over an additional goodly sum by the end of this year.

"Respectfully submitted,

"FRED C. PRITZLAFF."

In accepting this gift on behalf of Synod, President Pfotenhauer expressed the thanks of Synod to the Lutheran Laymen's League, saying that the League's work had produced a greater feeling of responsibility for Synod's work in our congregations, and that the members of the League had done their work in the proper manner, as members of the local congregations, and that their zeal and earnestness had frequently been to him a source of encouragement.

A resolution was also passed thanking the Lutheran Laymen's League for raising the Endowment Fund for the Board of Support, encouraging the League to continue its organization for the constructive assistance of Synod, and pledging Synod's whole-hearted support of the Lutheran Laymen's League in its future efforts.

The following unanimous recommendations of the pastors attending synod was also *adopted*: "To encourage the L. L. L. to do all in its power, wherever possible, to collect by December 31, 1926, what is still lacking of the \$700,000 necessary to reach the goal of \$3,000,000 for the Endowment Fund for the Support of the Veterans of the Cross, pastors and teachers."

Disposition of Board of Support Surplus.

(Overture 615.)

At its last convention, Synod authorized the Board of Support to add to the "Support Fund" at least a part of any surplus remaining in its treasury at the close of a year. This resolution, or rather its execution, is contrary to the orderly, established practises of Synod, in that —

(A) It interferes with your resolution concerning the establishment of the annual budget. In 1917 Synod resolved as follows: "Der Allgemeine Praeses [now Board of Directors] soll . . . einen Voranschlag, Budget, . . . veroeffentlichen, etwaige Ueberschuesse abziehend und Rueckstaende einrechnend." It is clear that a budget cannot be predicated on a credit balance that may be apparent at the time a budget is established and which credit balance may be disbursed before the fiscal year commences.

(B) It is not reciprocal. The resolution provides that a credit balance may be partly transferred to the "Support Fund," but it

does not provide that an eventual debit balance may be liquidated by a transfer from the "Support Fund" to the Board of Support Account.

(C) It establishes a precedent, which may readily lead to others.

(D) It is sufficiently difficult to raise the moneys necessary to cover Synod's budget without having part of the moneys so raised diverted to a purpose not included in the budget.

For these and other reasons we respectfully suggest the adoption of the following resolution: —

Resolved, That we repeal the resolution of the 1923 synodical convention recorded in its 1923 *Proceedings*, page 184, § 2, which reads as follows: "Die Bitte der Versorgungskonferenz, 'dass die Versorgungsbehoerde berechtigt ist, einen etwaigen Bestand in der Versorgungskasse am Ende des Jahres wenigstens teilweise zum Grundkapital zu schlagen,' wurde gewahrt."

Respectfully submitted,

THEO. W. ECKHART, *Financial Secretary*.

St. Louis, Mo., April 9, 1926.

The Board of Directors approves this memorial.

This recommendation was *adopted*.

Report of American Lutheran Board for Relief in Europe.

(Memorial 607. — German Report, p. 320.)

May 31, 1919, President Pfotenhauer appointed a board to take over the physical relief of war sufferers in Europe which our congregations were doing and empowered this board to act according to its best knowledge and conviction. Such relief was to be general; it was not to be confined to our brethren of the Free Church. It was recommended that the service of our Free Church brethren be employed and its needy members be given first consideration. Extended use was made of this wish and this recommendation.

Up to February 1, 1926, \$1,310,283.03 passed through our hands for general and special aid in Germany, Poland, Russia, Alsace, and Finland. Friends and relatives turned over to us \$282,684.11 for direct transmission to 1,928 persons. From individuals as well as from our congregations throughout the country we received 3,716 shipments of boxes and bales to be sent to families whose names and addresses were given, as well as to places to be designated by us. 1,624 larger and smaller boxes of foodstuffs were ordered with us, packed, and sent to friends and relatives in Europe. With the money received for general relief we purchased shoes, muslin, and thread and sent these articles to congregations for distribution among sufferers. In this way we sent: —

10,424 sacks of flour	=	1,303,000 pounds
10,683 cases of milk	=	512,784 "
429 cases of bacon	=	42,900 "
1,177 cases of fatback	=	117,700 "
286 cases of corned beef	=	57,200 "
117 cases of corned pork	=	23,400 "
3,358 bags of rice	=	335,800 "
2,722 bags of peas	=	272,200 "
2,640 bags of beans	=	264,200 "
2,746 bags of sugar	=	247,600 "
468 cases of Crisco	=	50,544 "
1,434 bags of oatmeal	=	143,400 "
2,434 bags of farina	=	266,640 "
Cocoa	=	27,050 "
58 bags of cornmeal	=	5,684 "
1,301 cases of lard	=	130,100 "
850 cases of soap	=	(varying weight)
267 cases of macaroni	=	(varying weight)
252 cases of dried fruit	=	27,720 pounds

In Berlin (three places), Potsdam, Dresden, Zwickau, Chemnitz, Koenigsberg, Hanover, Frankfurt on the Main, and Sterkrade public eating-rooms were and are maintained.

The entire expenses amounted to 1.70 per cent. The Expense Account shows a surplus of \$13,530.53, which sum is also expended for the benefit of sufferers.

\$1,700 was lent to the mission treasury of the Free Church. \$565 was repaid from the mission treasury for Europe. A balance of about \$1,130 is to be paid in two instalments, notes for which are in our hands.

\$36,500 was turned over to the Church Extension Fund of the Free Church. . .

Members of the Freikirche Aid Society have done a special work of love. Not only have these brethren purchased the seminary site in Berlin, but they have also liberally supported the seminary. \$29,395.50 passed through the hands of the Treasurer for this purpose. Since the brethren have in this way rendered great help to the Free Church, we recommend that they be given a cordial vote of thanks by Synod.

Report of Committee 12.

Memorial 607 is a report on the activities of the American Board for Relief in Europe, and we recommend that Synod receive this report.

According to this report there was in the treasury of the Board on the 25th of May the sum of \$16,432.87. As the time for the Board for relief in Europe has expired, we recommend that the work be carried on by the Lutheran Immigrant Society so long as moneys are received.

These recommendations of the committee were *adopted*.

GENERAL RELIEF BOARD.

(German Report, p. 322.)

The General Relief Board of the Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States respectfully submits the following report covering the three last years of its activity:—

I.

January 1 to December 31, 1923.

ACCIDENT AND RELIEF FUND.

RECEIPTS.

For General Relief: From Treasurer E. Seuel.....	\$1885.30
For congregation at Banning, Cal.:—	
From Treasurer E. Seuel	20.00
From Treasurer P. E. Wolf	3.00
For school in Sterling, Colo., from Treasurer E. Seuel..	115.58
Redeemed War Savings Stamps (\$125.90; earnings, \$24.10)	150.00
Repayments of loans	3045.00
Balance, December 31, 1922	1935.02
	\$7153.90

DISBURSEMENTS.

To congregation at Banning, Cal.	\$ 62.42
To indigent persons	1585.00
To Emergency Fund	3109.75
	4757.17
Balance, December 31, 1923	\$2396.73

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.

Near East Relief.

From Treasurer E. Seuel for the Near East	\$232.71
From Treasurer E. Seuel for Armenia	7.00

Near East Orphans' Home.

From Treasurer E. Seuel	44.50
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American Red Cross.

From Treasurer E. Seuel	1.50
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Japan Relief.

RECEIPTS.

From Treasurer E. Seuel	\$605.96
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DISBURSEMENTS.

To Japan Relief	280.37
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Balance, December 31, 1923	325.95
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Poetsch Legacy.

RECEIPTS.

From Treasurer E. Seuel, 1923 earnings	\$50.00
Balance, earnings, December 31, 1922	50.00

DISBURSEMENTS.

To indigent students	50.00
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Balance, December 31, 1923	50.00
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Rudtloff Legacy.**RECEIPTS.**

Earnings, 1923	\$50.00
Balance, earnings, December 31, 1922	75.00
	<u>\$125.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

To indigent students	75.00
Balance, December 31, 1923	50.00

Statement of Notes Account.

Loans, covered by notes, December 31, 1922	\$11425.00
Repayments on notes, 1923	3045.00

Loans, covered by notes, December 31, 1923 \$8380.00

Investments.

Liberty Bonds	\$ 700.00
War Savings Stamps	125.90
Rudtloff Legacy Bond	1000.00

	<u>\$1825.90</u>
Redeemed War Savings Stamps, to Relief Fund	125.90
	<u>\$1700.00</u>

Earnings.**RECEIPTS.**

\$500 Liberty Bond, one year	\$ 21.25
\$200 Liberty Bond, one year	8.50
Earnings, War Savings Stamps	24.10
Balance, December 31, 1922	129.63
	<u>\$183.48</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Relief Fund, earnings, War Savings Stamps	24.10
Balance, December 31, 1923	159.38

Emergency Fund.

Total reserved	3109.75
TOTAL BALANCE, December 31, 1923	<u>\$6137.45</u>

II.

January 1, 1924, to January 31, 1925.

ACCIDENT AND RELIEF FUND.**RECEIPTS.**

From Treasurer E. Seuel: General contributions	\$1235.95
For Sterling, Colo.	268.69
For storm sufferers	81.84
Repayments on loans	2450.00
Balance, December 31, 1923	2396.73
	<u>\$6433.21</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

To indigent persons	\$1330.00
To storm sufferers	1100.00
To loan, covered by note	300.00
To Sterling, Colo.	384.27
Transfer to Emergency Fund	2450.00
	<u>5564.27</u>
Balance, January 31, 1925	<u>\$868.94</u>

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.**Near East Relief.**

From Treasurer E. Seuel	\$119.00
To Near East Relief	119.00

Near East Orphans.

From Treasurer E. Seuel	\$44.50
To Near East Orphans	44.50

Japan Relief.

Balance, December 31, 1923	\$325.59
From Treasurer E. Seuel	36.82
	<u>\$362.41</u>
To Japan Relief	362.41

Blind Relief.

From Treasurer E. Seuel	\$5.00
To Blind Relief	5.00

Armenian and Syrian Relief.

From Treasurer E. Seuel	\$16.75
To Armenian and Syrian Relief	16.75

American Red Cross.

Balance, December 31, 1923	\$1.50
From Treasurer E. Seuel	1.00
	<u>\$2.50</u>
To American Red Cross	2.50

Poetsch Legacy.

Balance, December 31, 1923	\$50.00
From Treasurer E. Seuel, 1924 earnings	50.00
	<u>\$100.00</u>
To indigent students	100.00

Rudtloff Legacy.

Balance, December 31, 1923	\$50.00
Earnings, 1924	50.00
	<u>\$100.00</u>
To indigent students	100.00

Investment Account.

Rudtloff Legacy	\$1000.00
Liberty Bonds	700.00
	<u>\$1700.00</u>

Earnings.

Balance, December 31, 1923	\$159.38
Earnings, Liberty Bonds, 1924	29.75
Balance, January 31, 1925	189.13

Emergency Fund.

Balance, December 31, 1923	\$3109.75
Added January, 1924	2450.00
	5559.75

TOTAL BALANCE, January 31, 1925 \$6617.82

FUNDS.

Cash: Treasurer E. Seuel	\$ 816.73
Bank	241.34
Emergency Fund, Treasurer E. Seuel	5559.75
	\$6617.82

STATEMENT OF NOTES ACCOUNT.

Loans, covered by notes, December 31, 1923	\$8380.00
Repayments on notes	2450.00
	\$5930.00

Loan on note	300.00
Total loans covered by notes	\$6230.00

III.

February 1, 1925, to January 31, 1926.

ACCIDENT AND RELIEF FUND.**RECEIPTS.**

From Treasurer E. Seuel: General contributions	\$ 6294.11
From Treasurer E. Seuel: For tornado sufferers	13635.81
Repayments on loans	5100.00
Returned	690.00
Sale of Liberty Bonds	700.00
Earnings, Liberty Bonds	237.94
Earnings, bank deposits	44.22
Earnings, 1925	868.94
Balance, January 31, 1925	\$27571.02

DISBURSEMENTS.

To tornado sufferers	\$12504.79
Expenses, committees	37.15
Indigent persons	2000.00
Loan	300.00
To Emergency Fund, Treasurer E. Seuel	12000.00
	26841.94

Balance, January 31, 1926 \$729.08

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.**Near East Relief.**

From Treasurer E. Seuel	\$152.87
To Near East Relief	152.87

American Red Cross.

From Treasurer E. Seuel	\$229.22
To American Red Cross	229.22

Syrian Orphans' Home.

From Treasurer E. Seuel	\$5.00
To Syrian Orphans' Home	5.00

Poetsch Legacy.

From Treasurer E. Seuel, earnings, 1925	\$ 50.00
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Rudtloff Legacy.

Earnings	50.00
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Investment Account.

Liberty Bonds	\$ 700.00
Rudtloff Legacy, bond	1000.00

Liberty Bonds sold, returned to Accident Fund	\$1700.00
	700.00

Balance, Rudtloff Legacy, bond \$1000.00

Earnings.

Balance, January 31, 1925	\$189.13
Earnings from sale of Liberty Bonds	9.00
Accrued interest to date of sale	10.06
Coupons, 1925	29.75

	\$237.94
To Accident Fund	237.94

Emergency Fund.

Balance, January 31, 1925	\$ 5559.75
To Treasurer E. Seuel, for Emergency Fund	12000.00

Balance, January 31, 1926 17559.75

Statement of Notes Account.

Loans, covered by notes, January 31, 1925	\$6230.00
Repayments on notes	5100.00

	\$1130.00
New loan on note	300.00

Total loans, covered by notes, January 31, 1926 \$1430.00

TOTAL BALANCE, January 31, 1926 \$18388.83

FUNDS.

Treasurer E. Seuel	\$ 336.15
Emergency Fund, Treasurer E. Seuel	17559.75
In bank	492.93
	\$18388.83

Synod adopted this report.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Appeals.

(German Report, p. 327.)

Appeal of Mrs. A. W. C. Lampe.

Report of Committee 19.

Whereas the English District has not taken final action in the case of Mrs. A. W. C. Lampe, your Committee recommends to Synod not to entertain the appeal at this time.

This report was *adopted*.

Appeal of M. H. W. Ohlde.

Report of Committee 19 A.

We hold that, since Mr. H. W. Ohlde has repeatedly been correctly counseled by his president, his District synod, and by Synod, we beseech him for God's sake and for the sake of his soul's salvation to follow the advice given him.

This report was *adopted*.

Appeal of St. John's Congregation, Laporte, Ind.

Report of Committee 19 A.

After careful investigation of all documents before us we recommend to Synod that the President appoint a special committee to investigate the appeal of St. John's Congregation, as soon as possible, in Laporte with all parties concerned and settle the whole affair according to God's Word and Lutheran practise.

This report was *adopted*.

Appeal of the W. J. Pieper Family.

Report of Committee 19 A.

Whereas the Southern Illinois District synod at Belleville, Ill., in 1916, and the Synod at Detroit, in 1920, and at Fort Wayne, in 1923, have investigated the charge of Mr. Pieper, and whereas Mr. Pieper, after a personal interview with, and cordial admonition by, your Committee still abides by his erroneous opinion, we recommend to reject the appeal of Mr. Pieper.

This report was *adopted*.

Appeal of H. J. Fuhrmann.

Report of Committee 19 A.

Whereas the affair of Mr. H. J. Fuhrmann presents nothing new and since we fully agree with the findings of previous synodical committees, your Committee recommends to reject Mr. Fuhrmann's appeal.

This report was *adopted*.

Appeal of Rev. C. F. Rittmann.

Report of Committee 19.

We have heard and carefully weighed the evidence in the case of Student Rittmann, submitted by both sides, and find that the faculty and the Board of Control of our Fort Wayne College, as well as the Investigating Committee, consisting of the President of Synod and the President of the Central District, which investigated the case upon request of the father, dealt with, and disposed of, the case in a God-pleasing and just manner and that the penalty imposed is by no means too severe. We therefore recommend that Synod dismiss the appeal as untenable.

This report was *adopted*.

Report of the Committee on Church Architecture.

(German Report, p. 328.)

The Committee on Church Architecture was appointed at the 1923 meeting of the Delegate Synod, at Fort Wayne. The committee is composed of two practising architects, one builder, and two pastors.

Applications.—To date 424 applications have been received by the secretary of your Committee from pastors, congregations, and building committees. The vast majority of these have been in regard to the building of churches. A few have been in reference to schools, the enlarging or remodeling of churches, the purchase of church organs, sanctuary furnishings, memorials, altar hangings, and church windows.

These applications have involved a large amount of correspondence. In some instances as many as thirty or forty letters have been exchanged during the progress of a building project.

Activities.—In addition to answering a large volume of correspondence, members of your Committee have held personal conferences with building committees or other representatives of 42 congregations. Stereopticon lectures have been given in 24 different places. Blue-prints have been reviewed and written suggestions given in 53 instances and verbal suggestions in perhaps a score of other cases.

The Bulletin.—A small, four-page bulletin, entitled *Lutheran Church Art*, has been published. Twenty-four issues have appeared to date. The primary object of this bulletin is to cut down the large amount of correspondence necessary. Each bulletin discusses some question frequently asked by congregations about to build and also contains other matter pertaining to the building of churches or the conducting of church services. It is possible in a great many cases to supplement our letters to applicants with a number of back numbers of this bulletin, thus saving a large amount of typewriting.

In this way we have been able to get along thus far without clerical assistance.

Our bulletin has been widely quoted. In seventeen instances the larger architectural journals have reprinted articles appearing in our bulletin, several times with favorable editorial comment. Several brethren have requested us to enlarge the bulletin to eight pages so as to permit a more exhaustive discussion of timely subjects pertaining to the building and furnishing of churches, and also to allow the use of larger half-tone illustrations.

Stereopticon Slides. — A set of about 150 stereopticon slides has been made. This set includes the best churches of our own circles, as well as a number of other recently built churches, regarded by the best authorities as excellent. We endeavor to keep this set of slides down to date by making additions as fast as photographs of new churches become available. There is a greater demand for stereopticon lectures on the part of congregations of Synod than our time permits us to fill.

Investigations. — A large number of the best-known churches in America have been visited by members of your Committee, at no expense to Synod. These have been studied at first hand, and in a number of instances photographs have been made of them and notes and measurements taken. In this way we have endeavored to study the work of the foremost church architects of America.

During the summer of 1925 your Secretary visited Europe, at no expense to Synod, devoting his trip exclusively to the study of the famous old Gothic, Norman, and Saxon churches in England, Western Germany, and Northern France. Many photographs were taken, measurements and notes made, and connections established with several European architects and authorities. While the visit was almost too brief for much practical value, yet the possibilities suggested are enormous. Much of the best work on the Continent has been swept away because of the ravages of warfare. But many parts of England have been more or less spared from such destruction and are extremely rich in admirable churches, many of them very small, but exquisite in design and models of enduring construction. A more leisurely study of the older churches of the Old World would be a thing of decided value.

Results. — The work of your Committee is yet in its infancy, and whether or not results can be shown might be a matter of individual opinion. We are confident that we have saved the congregations of Synod considerably over \$100,000 on one item alone. Before we had acted in an advisory capacity to many congregations, we discovered that almost every congregation builds much too large. The most extreme case that comes to mind is a congregation in a small village far removed from conditions where rapid growth

seems probable. Although numbering less than 100 communicants, it wanted a church seating about 700 persons. In numerous cases, congregations numbering less than 200 communicants, and whose increase in membership had not been great, desired churches seating twice or three times their communicant membership.

We consulted government statistics and found that the Protestant churches of the United States seat 53,500,000 people, and only 15,000,000 persons attend church with a fair degree of regularity. In other words, 72 per cent. of the seating capacity of the average Protestant church lies vacant, except on Christmas Eve and Easter Day. While the congregations of our circles can show a much higher average, yet it cannot be denied that much money is often spent needlessly in seating space that lies idle the greater part of the time.

This leads to a second source of economic waste. If a small congregation builds a church much larger than necessary, and with inordinate stress on facilities for social and recreational activities, it means that it must resort to flimsy structural methods or else go heavily in debt. Statistics seem to indicate that about \$750,000 is spent annually, in a church-body the size of ours, in painting and patching church-buildings. Had these buildings been properly constructed at the outset, this enormously high overhead could be reduced most decidedly.

Believing that much money is spent in building needlessly large churches and much more in keeping poorly constructed buildings in repair, we have often advised smaller churches and better construction. In many instances we have succeeded in this respect.

A vacant pew ten feet long represents an initial cost of from \$1,200 to \$1,400. If a church has ten such pews lying vacant fifty Sundays a year, it means an initial cost of \$12,000 to \$15,000. The interest on that sum of money is from \$720 to \$900 per year.

By building our churches slightly smaller and considerably better in materials and workmanship, much money ought to be released each year for missionary and educational activities. Often the amount of money spent on meaningless elaboration would have made a cheaply built church durable.

For these reasons we have stressed slightly smaller buildings, thoroughly good structural methods, simplicity of treatment rather than futile elaboration of detail, and materials that resist as much as possible the action of time and weather.

While the sectarian theater-type church has never been popular in our circles, yet we have met with it in a few cases and have usually been successful in persuading the congregations to build a type of church that more nearly conforms to the traditional churches of Lutheran lands. The sects have very largely given up the theater-style church as a failure.

Conferences with Architects. — In order to learn as much as possible about the building of churches, the clerical members of your Committee have held conferences with the architects on the committee, and also several times visited the most noted church architects of the country, and often corresponded with church architects in America and abroad. Without exception we have been kindly treated, even by the busiest of architects, who have often done much to place valuable information at our disposal.

Recommendations. — The secretary of your Committee would respectfully ask that Synod urge its congregations to consider the suggestions offered by members of your Committee. We are often consulted, and congregations often go to considerable expense in paying the railway expenses of some member of your committee for the purpose of a conference. But in many cases our recommendations are set aside under the plea of "local circumstances." Thus small congregations of slow growth often build much larger than we advise and frequently adopt designs which are very inferior in matters of scale, planning, and proportion, and often demand recreational features far beyond the needs of a small parish, usually under the plea of local conditions.

Your Secretary, after voluminous correspondence with over 400 congregations, would respectfully urge that, if at all possible, only capable architects be retained. Too often an architect with no church experience whatever, or perhaps entirely unaware of the requirements of a Lutheran church, or a young draughtsman in the employ of a real estate firm or a factory, is paid a respectable fee to design a church. The amount thus spent would often secure the service of an architect of unquestioned ability. The majority of our most able church architects are organized in such a way as to be able to handle work at long distances from their office, by the process of subletting the actual superintendence to a local architect. Thus the congregation has the advantage of a skilled architect in matters of plan and design and local supervision as well.

Your Secretary would respectfully call attention to the fact that countless promising projects have failed because of building committees that insisted upon dictating in matters of planning and design. This has often resulted in much needless waste of money and churches bad in proportion and in detail. We would respectfully urge that building committees be petitioned to confine their activities as much as possible to financial matters, allowing the architects to determine such questions as require professional training, such as proportion, disposition of parts, size of windows, location of exits, and matters of detailing and finish.

We would likewise request that congregations consulting us make a small contribution to our running expenses, so that Synod's

allowance of \$250 a year may be reduced as soon as possible and the work supported by the congregations requiring our services.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. WEBBER, *Secretary of Committee.*

On recommendation of Committee 22 Synod passed the following resolutions: —

1. To commend the members of the Committee on Church Architecture for the extensive service which they have rendered Synod during the past three years;
2. To urge the congregations of Synod to avail themselves of the services of this committee and carefully to consider the expert advice which the committee offers concerning design and proportion of the church they intend to build, concerning a capable architect, and, in particular, concerning the specific activity of building committees; and furthermore,
3. To request all congregations consulting this committee to make a fair and reasonable contribution to the running expenses of the committee in order that Synod's allowances for this work may not be exceeded.

Radio Station KFUE.

Report of Board of Control, St. Louis.

(German Report, p. 32.)

Since October, 1924, our radio station is in operation and from the very beginning has proved a most efficient missionary agency. KFUE was erected through the generosity of a number of members of the L. L. L. and the Walther League, which at its convention in 1924 appropriated \$7,000 for this purpose. It is being maintained by voluntary contributions from listeners-in, but especially by an appropriation of \$6,000 by the Lutheran Laymen's League and of \$1,000 by the Lutheran Publicity Organization of St. Louis.

Although we bought the latest and best station on the market at the time, our station is now already obsolete. Moreover, in order to retain our present favorable wave length and to increase the usefulness of our station, we have, after careful deliberation and with the consent of the Board of Directors, taken the necessary steps to erect a 1,000-watt station at the new seminary.

Since, however, the work of KFUE is practically Synod's work, namely, that of bringing the Gospel to the attention of our American people, we respectfully petition Synod to take over KFUE as its own station, as a very efficient missionary agency, and operate it under the control of the local Board.

Report of the Committee.

The committee in charge of recommendations regarding KFUEO reported the receipt of the following communication from the Lutheran Laymen's League:—

"Recognizing the fact that the radio provides the greatest single means of doing mission-work, and knowing that Synod is burdened with a mass of other important work, therefore be it

Resolved, That the L. L. L. offer to Synod to rebuild and maintain Station KFUEO at the new Seminary site and that we at once notify the proper committee of Synod of this offer."

In view of the above generous offer the committee recommended:—

1. That Synod take over the station and gratefully accept the proposal of the L. L. L. to supply all necessary funds for its removal to the new Seminary and its maintenance in the future;

2. That the control of the station be placed in the hands of the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary.

These recommendations were *adopted*.

Meals and Lodgings at Conventions.

(German Report, p. 332.)

Report of Committee 22.

Concerning the unprinted overture No. 37, on Meals and Lodgings, your Committee recommends:—

a. WHEREAS, It imposes a considerable burden upon the congregations of any one city to provide free board and lodging for all delegates attending the triennial convention of Synod; and

b. WHEREAS, It would be more equitable and fully in accord with the spirit of Christian love were a larger number of congregations to share in bearing the expense involved; therefore be it

c. *Resolved*, That Synod in future ask all circuits to pay not only as heretofore the traveling expenses of their delegates, but also the cost of those joint meals which are to be provided by the entertaining congregations;

d. That Synod likewise ask these congregations to specify in advance the cost per meal in the announcements which they make concerning the convention in our periodicals; and

e. That the President of Synod, Dr. F. Pfotenhauer, appoint a committee whose duty it shall be to devise ways and means of more equitably distributing the cost incurred for the entertainment of synodical conventions, especially for meals and lodging, and to report on the matter at the next convention.

These recommendations were *adopted*.

Fourth of July of This Year to be Set Aside as a Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer.

(German Report, p. 333.)

The Lutheran Publicity Organization of St. Louis would suggest to Synod to pass the following resolutions:—

WHEREAS, The Fourth of July, Independence Day, falls on a Sunday this year; and

WHEREAS, This day marks the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, The Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod has been privileged to find a new home, to grow and to flourish in this our beloved country where all may enjoy the priceless boon of religious liberty and freedom of conscience; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Missouri Synod, in convention assembled, urge all congregations of our church-body in the United States to set aside this Sunday, July the fourth, 1926, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer—a day of thanksgiving for the many blessings our Church has enjoyed here; a day of prayer that the Lord may continue to give us His blessings; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That we encourage the Lutheran Publicity Organizations in the various centers of our Church in this country to do all in their power to arrange for suitable celebrations of this event.

THE LUTHERAN PUBLICITY ORGANIZATION OF ST. LOUIS.

LOUIS J. SIECK, *President*.

I. G. HARTWICK, *Secretary*.

On recommendation of Committee 22 Synod passed the two resolutions contained in this overture and requested the Concordia Seminary Radio Station KFUEO to broadcast this resolution.

Standing Press Committee.

(German Report, p. 334.)

Overture 514, emanating from the St. Louis Pastoral Conference, petitioned Synod to arrange for the triennial election of a Standing Press Committee and subsidiary press committees of the individual Districts and to authorize the Standing Press Committee to apply to the Board of Directors for its expenses.

Report of Committee 22.

We recommend that Synod elect at its triennial conventions a Standing Press Committee whose duty it shall be to furnish the press important news items concerning the Lutheran Church in good newspaper style, as well as properly to defend our Church against attacks made upon it.

We furthermore recommend that this standing Central Press Committee consist of three members living near each other; and

that the various Districts be urged likewise to elect Standing Subsidiary Press Committees, which are to assist Synod's Central Press Committee in its work.

We finally recommend that Synod's Committee on Nominations, in presenting the names of candidates for the standing Central Press Committee, take under consideration men who have gathered experience in the service of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau.

These recommendations of the Committee were *adopted*.

Communion Wine.

(German Report, p. 335.)

Overture 11, from a conference in Argentina, requested Synod definitely to state whether anything else than fermented wine may be used in Holy Communion.

On recommendation of Committee 22 this overture was referred to the faculty of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, for its opinion in the matter with instructions to notify the brethren in Argentina of its opinion.

Vacation for the President.

(German Report, p. 335.)

Report of Committee 22.

Your Committee urges Synod, upon unanimous recommendation of the lay delegates of this convention, to adopt the following resolution:—

WHEREAS, The venerable President of Synod, Dr. F. Pfotenhauer, has, by the grace of God, served Synod untiringly and faithfully for many years; therefore be it

Resolved:—

- a) That Dr. Pfotenhauer be granted a sixty-day vacation;
- b) That no restriction be made as to how, when, or where he shall make use of this vacation;
- c) That we urge him to accept, and make use of, this vacation as an expression of our appreciation of his services;
- d) That we wish him God's blessing in all his work as well as on his vacation trip. — *Adopted*.

Emblem Commemorating the Declaration of Independence.

(German Report, p. 336.)

Report of Committee 22.

The committee recommends concerning Overture 65 on a proper emblem commemorative of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence that Synod take no official action in the matter of emblems.

The recommendation was *adopted*.

Place of the Next Convention.

(German Report, p. 336.)

Report of Committee 22.

Your Committee recommends concerning Overture 61 that Synod accept the invitation of the Chicago Pastoral Conference and assemble three years hence in Chicago.

The recommendation was *adopted*.

Resolutions of Thanks.

In addition to the resolutions of thanks recorded under various reports, Synod, in its last session, tendered votes of thanks—

1. To the congregations of St. Louis and vicinity for the entertainment of Synod (by rising);
2. To Holy Cross and Redeemer Congregations for the use of their church property (by rising);
3. To all good Lutherans for their generous hospitality (by rising);
4. To all who participated in preparing and managing the dedicatory exercises of Concordia Seminary (by rising);
5. To the Hon. Louis Alt, Postmaster of St. Louis, and his assistant, Mr. Wm. Lottmann, for the installation of the Lutheran Convention U. S. Post Office in Holy Cross School Hall;
6. To the local press and the Associated Press for disseminating news of the convention;
7. To Mr. Roy P. Atwood, mayor of Clayton, Mo., and Sheriff Albert Wilmas and his deputies of St. Louis County for their faithful and efficient work at the dedication of the new Seminary.

Greetings.

(German Report, p. 336.)

Synod instructed its Secretary to convey its greetings and congratulations to the following celebrants of rare anniversaries: Pastor Wm. H. Lothmann, of Akron, O., on the sixtieth anniversary of his ordination; President F. Brunn, of Oak Glen, Ill., and Pastors J. C. Strasen, of Milwaukee, C. Hafner, of Haven, Kans., and G. Birkmann, of Giddings, Tex., on the fiftieth anniversaries of their ordination to the ministry.

Synod greeted, by rising, the Rev. Prof. F. Bente, D. D., and expressed its joy over the fact that he had sufficiently recovered his health to attend sessions.

Synod wished First Vice-President F. Brand, Director of Foreign Missions, Godspeed on his journey to China.

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Officers Elected for Three Years.

A. GENERAL OFFICERS.

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Concordia College, Austin, Tex.: The Rev. R. Osthoff; Messrs. C. E. Waiser, H. Fehr, R. Leshber.

Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Brazil, S. A.: The Rev. O. Beer; Messrs. R. Petzhold, W. Goerl, E. Schacherslehner.

C. ELECTORAL COLLEGES.

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Intersynodical Committee: The Rev. J. G. F. Kleinhans; Prof. W. Arndt. Third member to be appointed by the President of Synod.

Dedication of Concordia Theological Lutheran Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.,

Sunday Afternoon, June 13, 1926.

DEDICATORY SERVICE.

Band Selection

G. HERM. BECK, *Director.*

Mass Band.

Hymn.

1. Lord God of hosts above,
Great Author of salvation,
We come before Thee now
In humble supplication:
Thou, who in ages past
Hast been our fathers' Stay,
O hear Thy children's cry,
Be with us as we pray.

2. Not unto us, O Lord,
To Thee alone all glory;
For in these massive walls
We read the wondrous story
Of blessings hundredfold
Bestowed with lavish hand,
Of mercy and of truth
Poured out upon our land.

3. Bless Thou, O Lord, this house,
To Thee now consecrated,
For to Thy holy name
These halls are dedicated;
Thy Word alone shall guide
Our teaching and our life;
In Thee alone we stand
Secure in ev'ry strife.

4. O Father, bless us now
With pow'r in richest measure;
O Savior, Thou alone
Shalt be our highest Treasure
And with the Holy Ghost
Be evermore adored,
The God of grace and truth,
The everlasting Lord.

P. E. KRETZMANN, D. D.

Dedication of Seminary Group.

The Rev. R. Kretzschmar, Chairman of Building Committee.

A representative of the Kellermann Contracting Co. handed the keys to Pastor R. Kretzschmar, who then formally dedicated the Seminary to the service of the Triune God.

Unveiling of Memorial Stones and Tablets.

Prof. John H. C. Fritz, Dean of Concordia Theological Seminary, announced the unveilings.

Names of Persons Unveiling the Memorial Stones and Tablets.

(A number of those chosen by the Board of Control delegated the unveiling to younger members of their families.)

Walther Entrance Stone—The Rev. F. G. Walther, St. Louis, Mo.
Log Cabin Stone (in Main Entrance)—The Rev. Prof. L. Fuerbringer, D. D., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

Pritzlaff Library Stone—Mr. Fred Pritzlaff, Milwaukee, Wis.
Brohm Hall—Prof. Theo. Brohm, President, California Concordia College, Oakland, Cal.

Fuerbringer Hall—Pastor Geo. Nuechterlein, Bay City, Mich.
Buenger Hall—Pastor F. Buenger, St. Louis, Mo.

Graebner Hall—Prof. Theo. Graebner, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

Stoeckhardt Hall—Pastor E. Stoeckhardt, Logansville, Wis.

Schaller Hall—Prof. Wm. Schaller, Concordia, Mo.

Brauer Hall—Pastor F. Brauer, Red Bud, Ill.

Craemer Hall—Mr. C. J. Cramer, Milwaukee, Wis.

Lange Hall—Pastor Aug. Lange, St. Louis, Mo.

Guenther Hall—Pastor H. Wein, Corning, Mo.

Wyneken Hall — Pastor Arthur Wyneken, Long Beach, Cal.
Gustavus Adolphus Archway — Pastor Wm. Peterson, Farmersville, Ill.
Tyndale Archway — Mr. R. Caemmerer, President of the Student-body of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.
Graebner Tablet — Prof. M. Graebner, Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.

Invocation and Scripture Reading.

The Rev. Prof. F. Pieper, D. D., President of Concordia Theological Seminary.

Students' Chorus: "Sing unto the Lord a New Song." *Alexander Russell.*
 WM. B. HEYNE, *Director.*

Address (German).

The Rev. F. Pfotenhauer, D. D., President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States.

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Address.

The Rev. J. W. Behnken, Vice-President of the Texas District.

Mass Chorus: "The Heavens are Telling" *Haydn.*
 WM. B. HEYNE, *Director.*

Band Selections.

While these selections were rendered, an offering was received for Concordia Theological Seminary.

Three-Minute Addresses.

Prof. H. A. Klein, President of Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill., representing that institution.
 Prof. G. C. Barth, President of Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., representing the synodical colleges.
 Mr. Hy. W. Horst, representing the synodical Board of Directors.

Prayer and Benediction.

Pastor Theo. Laetsch, Secretary of the Board of Control, Concordia Theological Seminary.

Doxology.

The Lord's Prayer. (Spoken in unison.)

Band Selection.

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 The Rev. G. E. Bergemann, representing the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States.
 The Rev. J. S. Bradac, representing the Slovak Ev. Luth. Synod of America.
 The Rev. G. A. Gullixson, representing the Norwegian Ev. Luth. Synod.

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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.

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