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Thirty-Seventh Regular Convention

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I. N. I.

The Thirty-seventh Regular Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States met as the Twenty-second Delegate Synod at St. Louis, Mo., from June 15 to 24, 1938, the congregations of Greater St. Louis having extended a kind invitation to hold this meeting in the city where the Saxon immigrants landed nearly one hundred years ago, which many of them made their home, while the majority went to Perry County, Mo. The convention therefore throughout bore the character of a Jubilee Synod.

Preliminary meetings of Committee 1 and Committee 2 were held at Concordia Seminary, besides an Educational Conference, a Support Conference, and a conference on Young People's Work. The main sessions, beginning on June 15 and ending on June 24, 5:30 P. M., were held in the St. Louis Municipal Auditorium, where also the opening service and the Young People's Service were held, the latter on Tuesday evening, June 21. The Mission Services were conducted simultaneously in Holy Cross Church and in Zion Church on Friday evening, June 17, the Pastoral Service on June 23 at Trinity Church, and the Jubilee Service in the large convention hall of the Municipal Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, June 19, commemorating the Saxon immigration. The speakers on these occasions were: In the opening service, Vice-Presidents F. J. Lankenau (German) and K. Kretzschmar (English); in the Mission Services, President Lams (Holy Cross) and President Harms (Zion); in the Youth Service, President A. Brunn; in the Pastoral Service, President J. Schinnerer (confessional address, Pastor O. Kaiser); in the Jubilee Service, President J. W. Behnken. In the closing service, held Friday afternoon, June 24, the President and the four Vice-Presidents were inducted into office. Prof. H. B. Hemmeter, D. D., was the speaker, and President J. Schinnerer served as liturgist.

All business sessions were begun with a brief devotional service. Opening the first session, President Behnken delivered the key-note address on Matt. 28:18–20, and Vice-President H. Grueber served as liturgist. The other addresses in the opening exercises were delivered by District Presidents or their representatives: M. Holls, W. Lichtsinn, J. C. Meyer, A. Brohm, O. A. Sauer, J. P. Klausler, C. M. Beyer, J. C. Schuelke, F. Malinsky, G. Smukal, Martin Walker, H. Mueller, J. Mayer, C. Janzow, and C. F. Lehenbauer, and other District Presidents or their representatives acted as liturgists.

Three doctrinal papers were delivered. Dr. F. Pfotenhauer, Honorary President of Synod, delivered a German essay on Dr. Walther's *Kirche und Amt.* Dr. J. T. Mueller spoke on *"The Christian Congregation's Rights and Duties,"* according to Dr. Walther's *Die rechte Gestalt einer evangelisch-lutherischen Ortsgemeinde,* Book I. Pastor Paul Schulz submitted a paper on Dr. Walther's *The Evangelical Lutheran Church the True Visible Church.*

Prof. Paul Bente served as assistant secretary, writing the daily minutes. Although Prof. H. Studtmann had been appointed as German secretary according to the *Handbook,* p. 59, § 5, his services were dispensed with, and the German minutes were abolished by a resolution passed in the first session, changing this paragraph in the "Regulations."

President's Address

Matt. 28:18-20

VENERABLE AND BELOVED FATHERS AND BRETHREN:

Extraordinary facts engage and challenge our attention at this convention. Nearly one hundred years have elapsed since God, in His wise providence, directed and guided our Saxon fathers to our American shores and later used them as instruments in the organization of a soundly orthodox Lutheran synod in our beloved country. Since then tremendous changes have occurred in the political, agricultural, industrial, and economic life of our country. But the eternal verities, the unchanging Christ, the precious truths of the Bible, continue as of old. All other things change and will ultimately pass away, but the Word of God abideth forever.

In this Word of God and the Christ whom it preaches our fathers were interested. It was this that brought them to our shores. In this, too, the generations in our Church since the Saxon immigration have been vitally interested. In this you and I who are crossing the threshold of a new century of sound Lutheran activity should be vitally interested. May the Spirit of God attend us as we open our convention by focusing our attention upon

The Great Commission

The Savior's words inform us of the great trust committed unto the Church. The Gospel and the Sacraments are this great trust. Jesus had finished and established the glorious work of reconciling the sinner unto his God. Now He commissioned His Church to proclaim the message of reconciliation. His purpose was that the poor sinner might receive, and be assured of, the forgiveness of his sins. This becomes all the more clear and emphatic when we consider His statement: "Teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." The Church should carry on Christ's preaching. She should "go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." There are those today who labor under the impression that the Church's chief business is to establish proper social and moral conditions on earth. Jesus had far nobler aims and objectives. He summarized the entire purpose of His coming into the world in the words "The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Nor was Jesus a new lawgiver. He had come to redeem mankind from the curse of the Law. He did not establish a new set of regulations that man might enter into eternal life by obeying them, but He had come to render obedience to the commandments of God in our stead and to suffer the penalty of man's transgression

that the sinner might be assured of forgiveness, life, and salvation as a free gift of God.

1. Jesus wants the *Gospel* preached, not any and every kind of gospel but the Gospel of Christ. In fact, it is necessary to be even more specific. We must preach *that* Gospel which proclaims Christ as the only Substitute for the sinner, *that* Gospel which speaks of a vicarious atonement, *that* Gospel which proclaims a free salvation for an undeserving sinner. Christ is interested in the Gospel: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." The thing of importance to Him is that the greatest need of life be supplied, that the forgiveness of sins be conveyed to the sinner, that the prodigal be restored to God's favor and become a member of God's family.

Such a Gospel has ever been the strength of the Christian Church. It is the preaching which has made the Church founded by our fathers in America a truly great Church. It is the only kind of preaching which we should consider for the second century of our sound Lutheran activity. May God grant us the grace to recognize this specific Gospel as the trust committed to us! May He graciously preserve us from drifting to the fringes where modern human philosophies, with their warped conception of religion and church activity, will ensnare us! May He rather continue to keep our Synod ever near the heart of the Christian religion, where the very life-blood of truth pulsates! In short, may we cling earnestly to the preaching of the justification of the sinner by God's grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, and permit nothing to turn us away from it!

2. The Great Commission centers our attention also upon the vast field for our activity. Jesus stated expressly: "Teach *all nations*," "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me . . . unto the uttermost part of the earth." The early Church took Jesus at His word and carried the saving Gospel-message to the remote parts of the earth. Christ's instructions are equally true today. Jesus did not specify any certain continent or country, nor did He limit the work of His Church to any particular circumstances, form of government, etc. The early Christians went out into a hostile world. They faced dangers and persecutions. In America our Church has carried on her work "in peace and quietness." This holds true also of our activity in other lands. But what about countries where Gospel-preaching is greeted by physical violence? Do not they need the message of salvation? Is not this also a part of the vast field?

In this connection let us ask also, What about China with its teeming millions of blood-bought souls still steeped in idolatry

and unbelief? This year we celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of our missionary activity in that country. We have merely made a beginning there. Should we not earnestly consider more extensive work in that field and other foreign fields to which God has led us?

What about the untouched opportunities in our own country? As early as 1897, the year of the fiftieth anniversary of our Synod, the sainted Dr. A. L. Graebner pointed out in a series of articles that our missionary activity must focus more upon gaining the unchurched because the years of the great immigration from Germany were past. Though over forty years have elapsed since this matter was urged, we have merely scratched the surface in this type of mission-work. This is the vast field before us today.

3. The Great Commission reminds us of an urgent need. The Lord Jesus in His day saw people of all nations hopelessly steeped in sin. Pagan religions were helpless. Only the preaching of the Gospel could save sinners from eternal doom.

Also today there is a tremendous unrest among the masses in pagan lands. They are utterly dissatisfied with the empty husks of heathen religions. They know not what they want. Much less do they know whither to turn. The bankruptcy of paganism has left them on the brink of despair. Furthermore, in so-called Christian lands, where men have turned away from God's Word and are preaching empty philosophies, there are evidences of surging unrest. Something is wrong. The churches have failed the people. Men are turning toward new movements in the hope of gaining something that will afford them the assurance which the heart craves.

More serious still is the great spirit of indifference in our own church activity. On the occasion of Synod's twenty-fifth anniversary the sainted Dr. Walther and other leaders pointed out that carelessness and indifference were stifling the first love, which was all aglow at the time of the immigration and at the later organization of Synod. They called upon our people to repent and to return to their first love. What shall we say today? Have not carelessness and indifference made deep inroads into our congregations? Worldliness, sinful pleasures, greed for temporal possessions, with resultant lack of support of the work of Christ's kingdom, and many other evils are fastening their poisonous fangs upon our people. They are gaining a stranglehold upon the spiritual life in many congregations. They are blotting out every remembrance of the Great Commission. The call for repentance is most urgently needed.

4. Christ's Great Commission places a tremendous obligation upon us. The establishment of a soundly orthodox Biblical Church

such as was established by our fathers has led us into a heritage so glorious that human words fail to describe it adequately. This precious heritage has been bestowed upon us and preserved for us throughout an entire century. This is something truly unique in the history of the Church. It must be attributed entirely to the grace of God. We are enjoying a remarkable privilege. Oh, let us appreciate it from the depth of our souls! The glorious privilege begets and emphasizes our great responsibility. Christ wants us to teach whatsoever He has commanded. Like unto our fathers we are to be custodians of the truth. Many will challenge and ridicule such a claim, but that does not disprove it. God's Word convinces us that we have the truth.

May God continue to fill our hearts with a keen realization that we must keep and retain His Word in its purity! If the voice of history means anything at all, it will be far more difficult to remain faithful and loyal to the truth during the next century than in the century now drawing to a close. This is not due in any degree to the Word of God nor to the will of God, for these continue as of old. God wants us to retain the truth. He desires to preserve it for us. If it be lost, the fault will rest entirely with us. Let us guard against a lack of appreciation of our blessed heritage. Let us beware of satiety and indifference. Let us properly appraise the value of orthodoxy. Let us study it more thoroughly, cling to it more gratefully, share it with others more willingly, proclaim it more aggresively. Let us use, and we shall not lose it.

Since we are a doctrinal Church and so much depends upon the thorough indoctrination of the present and future membership, a word is well in place about the system of parochial schools which our fathers established, which have proved to be such a blessing in the building of a great Church. Many have grown weary in their interest in, and support of, this splendid system of schools inaugurated by our fathers. We still say and write some beautiful things about our schools, but only too often our activity is not in harmony with our profession. When the twenty-fifth anniversary of Synod was celebrated, our fathers urged the introduction of regular school sermons at all conventions in order that the interest for our schools might be increased. May God grant grace that during our coming celebrations we may emphasize thorough Christian indoctrination and translate into action the beautiful sentiments expressed!

5. The Great Commission of our Redeemer also contains a glorious assurance. The King of the Kingdom speaks to His subjects. A matter which was of utmost importance to Him at that time was that He must remind His disciples of His authority to

bind this work of the Kingdom upon their hearts. He said: "All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth." That is unlimited power. No other king on earth could make such a claim. Only God has all power and authority. "Therefore," says Jesus, "therefore," because I have all power, "go ye into all the world." It is well that we consider this also in our day when such mighty forces arise against the Gospel of Christ and when it seems to us as though it were folly to continue. We proceed by divine authority. The almighty Christ has commissioned us.

Our Redeemer also added a wonderful promise. He said: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." It is significant that Jesus linked this promise with the commission to preach His Gospel. It assures us that we are not alone in this work. The mighty Christ is with us. He Himself leads us and directs us. He supplies us with strength and willingness to carry on the work of His kingdom. This promise of Christ gives us assurance and conviction that our work will not be in vain. The work in the Kingdom must succeed. Not even the gates of hell can prevail against it.

Brethren, this commission of our blessed Redeemer has summoned us to another convention. The business of the Kingdom will engage our attention. As God grants us grace and strength, we shall enter upon a new century of activity. Remembering what He has entrusted to us and what He expects of us and what He promises us, let us go forward thankfully, willingly, resolutely, confidently, joyfully. Amen.

President Behnken delivered the above address also in German. However, in the first session of Synod it was *resolved* to omit the presentation of the President's address in German in the future.

President's Report

According to the regulations fixed by Synod your President must render an accurate account of his administration. When three years ago God appointed me, through your delegates assembled at Cleveland, to the exalted office of the Presidency of Synod, no one keenly felt both unworthiness and inability for this high and noble calling more than I did. Only because I could lean upon God, who had called me, and because I was assured of the prayers and co-operation of synodical and District officials and all members of Synod, did I assume the important duties of office. Whatever good may have been accomplished must be attributed entirely to the Lord's grace and blessing and to your whole-hearted cooperation, dear members of Synod.

In rendering this report to you, I desire, first of all, to acknowledge publicly the kindnesses shown and the ever-willing service rendered both to Synod and to me personally by my venerable predecessor, the Honorary President of Synod, Dr. F. Pfotenhauer. Furthermore I wish to express my appreciation to the Vice-Presidents of Synod, who were ever willing to render faithful service both in visiting the various District conventions and the different institutions of Synod and in meeting with me repeatedly to discuss the problems confronting us. Gratefully do I acknowledge also the whole-hearted cooperation of Synod's Board of Directors, of the various departments of our Fiscal Office, and of the many boards of Synod, especially also of the College of Presidents, all of whom were ever ready to serve Synod so efficiently.

Let me bring to your attention also our sincere gratitude to Mr. Louis H. Waltke, whose generosity enabled us to conduct a conference of all of Synod's Circuit Visitors in September, 1936, and again of all District committeemen in connection with the Centennial Call of the Cross project in September, 1937. This enabled all these District officials and representatives not merely to gain first-hand information concerning the fixing of Synod's budget but also to study and discuss the problems confronting them in their offices and to equip themselves and to encourage one another for ever more efficient service. Echoes of these meetings still resound, and under God's blessings they will continue to bear much fruit.

It pleased Almighty God in His wise providence to call into the Church Triumphant one of our venerable Vice-Presidents, the Rev. Fr. Randt, who rendered Synod faithful and conscientious service in his office since his election in 1929. He was on a trip in the interest of Synod when God saw fit to call him to his eternal home. Only recently God called unto Himself also one of our faithful District Presidents, the Rev. F. C. Verwiebe, the beloved President of our

Eastern District. Appropriate resolutions will be presented to the convention later.

According to resolutions of the last convention your President, in conjunction with the Vice-Presidents, appointed Synod's Literature Board and adopted a set of rules and regulations to guide it in its activity. The Committee on Higher Education, which will render a very comprehensive report to this convention, was appointed in a similar manner. This holds true also of the committee which met with representatives of the U. L. C. and the A. L. C. Their report to the convention is in the hands of our delegates.

The convention at Cleveland instructed the President and the Vice-Presidents to appoint a committee which should investigate thoroughly the question of calling men into the service of chaplaincies in the Army and Navy and, if this could be done without violating our principles, then to appoint also an Army and Navy Commission for Chaplains. This was done, and the first report of this commission is before our convention.

According to instructions a special committee was appointed to make a survey of stewardship and missions throughout Synod. The report of this committee is also in the hands of our delegates and will receive due consideration.

Another committee which was appointed according to a resolution of Synod is the Centennial Committee, which presented the plans for a proper celebration of the centennial of the Saxon immigration. Many of the features of our present convention, of next year's District conventions and celebrations throughout Synod are in conformity with suggestions offered by this committee. This holds true also of articles in our periodicals and of books which will appear for adults and for children to acquaint our people with the interesting and fascinating history of our Synod and with the blessed heritage which has come to us from our fathers. Let us become better acquainted with the plans outlined by them and carry them out during the coming year.

With the approval of the College of Presidents your President appointed the Rev. F. C. Streufert as Executive Secretary of Missions.

Since the convention at Cleveland emphasized the great need of better training for our Sunday-school teachers, your President appointed a special committee to study this matter and to prepare material for a more thorough and uniform training of our Sunday-school teachers. This committee pursued its task with marked efficiency and devotion to duty. Some of the splendid material is now on the market.

One of the express wishes of our last convention for the past triennium was that special emphasis be given the so-called "re-

habilitation of the home" and also that inexpensive devotional literature be provided. Your President approved of a plan to combine these two ideas by publishing Lenten devotional booklets, which were distributed gratis during the Lenten seasons of 1936 and 1937. We acknowledge our appreciation to Pastor Alfred Doerffler for the splendid work of writing these first two booklets. Though it meant quite an expenditure to print and distribute the half million copies of each of these booklets, there is every reason to believe that this investment is bringing rich returns. Since Easter of 1937 our Publishing House publishes such booklets regularly, and the sales have exceeded all expectations.

During the past triennium many changes have occurred in the faculties of our seminaries and colleges. Twenty-two professors were elected, among whom were seven presidents, or directors. Another professor is to be elected at one of our colleges within the next few weeks. This does not mean that new professorships were created, but merely that vacancies were filled which were caused by deaths or resignations or acceptance of calls into the ministry.

Your President, as instructed by Synod, appointed a committee to review the appeal of Rev. Hesse. This committee reported that the appellant was not ready to bring the case to a conclusion on the basis of the propositions advanced by the committee. His appeal could therefore not be entertained.

Two appeals from the decision of congregations called for the appointment of synodical committees. This, of course, was done after the Districts had taken final action. The committees reported that matters were brought to a God-pleasing conclusion.

Synodical committees were appointed to review the actions of our Districts in the so-called Portland and Oconomowoc cases. These cases still await final action.

In two instances your President appointed two men who served on intersynodical committees to investigate difficulties which had arisen between congregations of our Synod and the Hon. Wisconsin Synod.

The candidate situation — many candidates standing idle at the market-place — was, and still is, a problem. It was carefully and conscientiously studied and discussed by the College of Presidents. No perfect remedy was discovered. After all, only God can send laborers into the harvest. Thank God, the situation has improved considerably.

As was reported in our periodicals, the Rev. Paul Schulz, a member of Synod's Board of Directors, was sent to South America to visit the conventions of both Districts, also their two institutions and their mission-fields. This official visit undoubtedly proved to

be truly beneficial to our brethren in South America and also to our boards in the United States which supervise this work for Synod.

Another official visit was sanctioned by the Board of Directors, that of Dr. J. H. C. Fritz to Australia. Dean Fritz represented our Synod at the centenary celebration of our brethren in Australia, visited their convention, their college and seminary, delivered many lectures, and established many contacts to the great joy of our brethren on the island continent.

Your President carried on quite an extensive official correspondence. Frequently requests for advice were received. This was cheerfully and gladly given when it did not collide or interfere with the prerogatives of the District President or other District officials. When matters came under the jurisdiction of the District officials, inquirers or appellants were directed to them.

With special gratitude do we acknowledge the gracious guidance of God which kept us not merely in pure doctrine generally, but also prevented us from the folly of mingling the issues of Church and State. In this day of chaotic world conditions and confused thinking about national and international situations, with its many violations of the Scriptural principle of separation of Church and State, God has graciously guided our beloved Synod and her pastors and people to "render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." May He continue to guide us upon this Scriptural course!

In conclusion let me state that it has been my privilege to visit personally many conferences and mass-meetings in different parts of Synod to establish contacts and to present Synod's work.

Now, brethren, let us proceed to the work before us. May God graciously bless our deliberations and grant us His Holy Spirit that we may arrive at wholesome, God-pleasing resolutions to the glory of God and the welfare and extension of Christ's glorious kingdom! Amen.

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Connecticut Valley Circuit 2: Rev. Arthur Clausing; Mr. Walter E. Rufleth.
Newark, N. J., Circuit: Rev. Henry Koepchen; Mr. E. W. Meyer.
Hudson, N. J., Circuit: Rev. B. von Schenk;[4] Dr. C. Tannert.[2]
Paterson, N. J., Circuit: Rev. Martin F. Kuegele; Mr. Louis Luecke, Sr.
Advisory Pastor, Group 1: Rev. Paul Pallmeyer.
Advisory Pastor, Group 2: Rev. Aug. F. Brunn.
Teacher: Mr. Theo. Grotrian.

BRAZIL DISTRICT

Prof. L. C. Rehfeldt; Prof. J. N. H. Jahn, D. D.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA DISTRICT

President: Rev. Arthur Brohm, Sr.
Circuit 1: Rev. W. Menzel.
Circuit 2: Rev. M. Engel; Mr. G. A. Lau.
Circuit 3: Rev. P. Schmidtke; Mr. Sebastian Elmer.
Teacher: Mr. W. T. Boriack.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

President: Rev. W. F. Lichtsinn.
Bartholomew-Monroe Counties, Ind., Circuit: Rev. L. Schulenburg; Mr. Ervin Darlage.
Decatur, Ind., Circuit: Rev. L. Dornseif; Mr. Henry Schulte.
Evansville-Terre Haute Circuit 1: Rev. W. Hartmann; Mr. Hugh Halcomb.
Evansville-Terre Haute Circuit 2: Rev. T. W. Strieter; Mr. John Fellwock.
Fort Wayne Circuit: Rev. Walter Klausing; Mr. Louis Seabold.
Kendallville Circuit: Rev. H. H. Backs; Mr. R. J. Rehwinkel.[2]
New Haven, Ind., Circuit: Rev. H. Reinking; Mr. Wilmer W. Messmann.
Indianapolis Circuit: Rev. W. C. Meinzen; Mr. Geo. C. Schwier.
Jackson County, Ind., Circuit: Rev. J. Th. Destinon; Mr. E. G. Masher.[3]
La Fayette Circuit: Rev. A. Gallmeier; Mr. Alb. F. Schnaible.
La Porte-South Bend Circuit 1: Rev. P. Barth; Mr. Wm. Sauer.
La Porte-South Bend Circuit 2: Rev. W. T. Vogel; Mr. Alvin H. Rosenbaum.
La Porte-South Bend Circuit 3: Rev. P. L. Kretzmann; Mr. Frank Augustine.
Hammond, Ind., Circuit 1: Rev. W. A. Brauer; Mr. Edw. Hoffmann.
Hammond, Ind., Circuit 2: Rev. A. P. Starck; Mr. Wm. Rippe.
Louisville Circuit: Rev. C. F. Spaude; Mr. Robert Walther.
Cincinnati Circuit 1: Rev. W. Littmann; Mr. Daniel Ziegler.[4]
Cincinnati Circuit 2: Rev. Wm. Dau;[2] Mr. Jesse Linkmeyer.
Central Ohio Circuit 1: Rev. O. Stolzenburg; Mr. Martin Scheiderer.
Central Ohio Circuit 2: Rev. W. F. Docter; Mr. Charles Gompf.
East Cleveland Circuit 1: Rev. E. Miller; Mr. Gust. A. Stockhaus.
East Cleveland Circuit 2: Rev. E. Jacob; Mr. Matt Palo.
East Cleveland Circuit 3: Rev. H. Weidner; Mr. Myron Stoll.
West Cleveland Circuit 1: Rev. J. H. Meyer; Mr. Paul Hagedorn.
West Cleveland Circuit 2: Rev. Geo. Kuechle; Mr. Gust. Grunau.
Toledo-Napoleon Circuit: Rev. R. Trautmann; Mr. D. H. Helmke.
West Ohio Circuit: Rev. J. Acker; Mr. Dan Schott.
Advisory Pastor, Group 1: Rev. C. T. Schoknecht.[1]
Advisory Pastor, Group 2: Rev. M. Ilse, Sr.

Teachers

Adams and Allen Counties Circuit, Ind.: Mr. R. Stolp.
Fort Wayne Circuit 1: Mr. Louis Luepke.
Fort Wayne Circuit 2: Mr. G. Twietmeyer.
La Porte-La Fayette Circuit: Mr. P. N. Seibel.
Indianapolis Circuit: Mr. Theo. Wukasch.
Lake County Circuit: Mr. W. Heidbreder.
Jackson-Bartholomew Counties, Ind., Circuit: Mr. E. W. Riekers.
Southwest Indiana and Louisville Circuit: Mr. A. J. Hischke.
Cincinnati Circuit: Mr. C. C. Seidler.
North Ohio Circuit 1: Mr. A. Liebe.
North Ohio Circuit 2: Mr. R. Ernst.
North Ohio Circuit 3: Mr. G. Derer.
Superintendent of Schools: Mr. W. J. Gernand.

CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

President: Rev. J. C. Schuelke.
Circuit 1: Rev. Richard Brenner; Mr. Fred Reichel.
Circuit 2: Rev. Arthur Wiegert; Mr. Frank Kemnitz.
Circuit 3: Rev. J. G. Kaiser; Mr. Dan Homann.
Circuit 4: Rev. H. W. Schweppe;[4] Mr. Robert Feder.[1]
Circuit 5: Rev. Albert Young; Mr. Otto Droste.[2]
Circuit 6: Rev. E. C. Pautsch; Mr. Henry Augustine.

Circuit 7: Rev. C. A. Weiss; Mr. J. A. Knoeppel.
Circuit 8: Rev. H. E. Zimmermann; Mr. August Borchelt.
Circuit 9: Rev. Th. Dautenhahn; Mr. Louis Soltwedel.
Circuit 10: Rev. A. E. Neitzel; Mr. J. F. Sanman.
Circuit 11: Rev. Carl Hilgendorf; Mr. Dan R. Heinrich.
Teachers' Circuit 1: Mr. F. Klebe.
Teachers' Circuit 2: Mr. O. Schuette.[2]
Teachers' Circuit 3: Mr. R. Persigehl.

COLORADO DISTRICT

Vice-President: Rev. M. L. Mueller.
Northeastern Circuit: Rev. Jos. Hannewald; Mr. Conrad Luft.
Northwestern Circuit: Rev. P. B. Fritsche; Mr. Walter Besel.
Central Circuit: Rev. H. H. Feiertag; Mr. C. A. Kiehnhoff.
Southern Circuit: Rev. R. E. Gunther; Mr. A. E. Moser.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. O. Luessenhop.
Teacher: Mr. Oscar Suelter.

EASTERN DISTRICT

Vice-President: Rev. O. A. Sauer.
Circuit 1: Rev. Otto Burhenn; Mr. John J. Zink.[2]
Circuit 2: Rev. Chr. A. Schmidt; Mr. Carl Kolloff, Sr.
Circuit 3: Rev. John F. Moebius; Mr. James W. Kibler.
Circuit 4: Rev. H. E. Plehn; Mr. Harry J. Wiersdoerfer.[2]
Circuit 5: Rev. A. Puscheck;[4] Mr. Carl F. Griewisch.
Circuit 6: Rev. Paul Fretthold; Mr. George C. Krull.
Circuit 7: Rev. Herm. Meier; Mr. Christ Bobzien.
Circuit 8: Rev. E. E. Mueller; Mr. Wm. Rossdeutscher.
Circuit 9: Rev. M. A. Berner; Mr. E. C. Scheunemann.
Circuit 10: Rev. Geo. Schroeder; Mr. Otto S. Dornow.
Circuit 11: Rev. E. C. Malte; Mr. Fred Neubauer.
Circuit 12: Rev. Hugo H. Fickenscher;[4] Mr. W. Henry Manns.
Circuit 13: Rev. Wm. von Spreckelsen; Mr. Karl Kellner.
Circuit 14: Rev. W. W. Sander; Mr. John F. Spindler.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. H. D. Mensing.
Teachers' Circuit 1: Mr. E. H. Reinholtz.[1]
Teachers' Circuit 2: Mr. H. C. Lettermann.

ENGLISH DISTRICT

Vice-President: Rev. Martin Walker.
Baltimore Circuit: Rev. Rud. S. Ressmeyer; Mr. Norman Downing.
Philadelphia Circuit: Rev. Karl Maier; Mr. A. E. Horst.
Northeastern Circuit: Rev. C. Kulow; Mr. Robert C. Heyder.
Southeastern Circuit 1: Rev. R. E. Scaer;[2] Mr. David McRee.
Southeastern Circuit 2: Rev. P. A. Boriack; Mr. Titus Reitzel.
Buffalo Circuit: Rev. E. Hahn; Mr. Edward F. Holls.
Pittsburgh Circuit: Rev. B. Claus; Mr. Andrew Nemenz.
Cleveland Circuit: Rev. R. Oehlschlaeger; Mr. Edwin Gockel.
Detroit Circuit East: Rev. A. A. Ruff; Mr. James O'Neill.[4]
Detroit Circuit West: Rev. O. H. Trinklein; Mr. Delmer Berkel.
Chicago Circuit South: Rev. R. L. Sommer; Mr. W. C. Meyer.
Chicago Circuit North: Rev. A. Jarus;[2] Mr. Herbert Wiechert.[4]
Chicago Circuit West: Rev. H. Mackensen; Mr. Alfred Heft.[4]
Milwaukee-St. Paul Circuit: Rev. F. C. Proehl; Mr. Gilbert A. Thompson.[4]
Pacific Circuit: Rev. A. Bueltmann.[3]
Southwestern Circuit 1: Rev. Walter Lieder; Mr. Wm. W. Engel.
Southwestern Circuit 2: Rev. Geo. Luecke; Mr. Aug. F. Faubel.
Especially Delegated: Rev. J. L. Summers; Rev. L. Frerking; Rev. A. H. Loeber; Rev. Hy. A. Burandt.

IOWA DISTRICT EAST

President: Rev. H. Harms.
Davenport Circuit, Group 1: Rev. P. W. Happel; Mr. Walter E. Vieth.
Davenport Circuit, Group 2: Rev. H. Maas; Mr. Edwin Soenksen.
Cedar Rapids Circuit, Group 1: Rev. Wm. G. Stoll; Mr. Martin Studt.
Cedar Rapids Circuit, Group 2: Rev. M. J. Steege;[4] Mr. Elvin H. Wagner.
Williamsburg Circuit, Group 1: Rev. Th. Rottmann; Mr. Albert Mews.
Williamsburg Circuit, Group 2: Rev. Th. Gutknecht; Mr. Walter T. Oetjen.
Eldora Circuit, Group 1: Rev. J. Schliepsiek; Mr. August W. Eggers.
Eldora Circuit, Group 2: Rev. E. Brewer; Mr. Ernest Lettow.
Waterloo Circuit, Group 1: Rev. P. Brammer; Mr. Edward Kruger.
Waterloo Circuit, Group 2: Rev. Theo. Frese; Mr. John Hesse.
Dubuque Circuit, Group 1: Rev. O. C. Schultz; Mr. Geo. Dierks.
Dubuque Circuit, Group 2: Rev Martin Russert; Mr. Marvin Holtz.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. L. C. Wuerffel.
Teachers' Group 1: Mr. R. L. Georg.
Teachers' Group 2: Mr. F. H. Helberg.

IOWA DISTRICT WEST

Vice-President: Rev. Theo. Hoemann.
Algona Circuit: Rev. P. Braner; Mr. John Methe.
Council Bluffs Circuit: Rev. H. Rottmann; Mr. Herman Knop.
Denison Circuit 1: Rev. Theo. Tews; Mr. J. W. Loeschen.
Denison Circuit 2: Rev. August Rueber; Mr. C. H. Bartels.
Des Moines Circuit: Rev. E. J. Stelling; Mr. Fred Weber.
Fort Dodge Circuit 1: Rev. J. E. Ross; Mr. Henry Nieting.
Fort Dodge Circuit 2: Rev. Ad. Trost; Mr. L. W. Hoyer.
Sioux City Circuit: Rev. W. E. Hinck; Mr. Albert Kowalke.[1]
Storm Lake Circuit 1: Rev. O. Bahr; Mr. Berthold Schuelke.
Storm Lake Circuit 2: Rev. F. W. E. Wolter; Mr. Frank Kolpin.
Spencer Circuit: Rev. O. C. Geisler; Mr. Wm. Warneke.[4]
Wall Lake Circuit: Rev. O. H. A. Hoemann; Mr. Aug. Nuetzmann.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. W. H. Becker.
Teacher: Mr. W. J. Ehlen.
Superintendent of Christian Education: Mr. H. F. C. Mueller.

KANSAS DISTRICT

President: Rev. W. Mahler.
Circuit 1: Rev. K. Tiemann; Mr. Otto J. Minden.
Circuit 2: Rev. J. T. Schmidt; Mr. Henry Kiehnhoff.
Circuit 3: Rev. A. H. Kerstner; Mr. E. H. Hillmer.
Circuit 4: Rev. Henry Frohn; Mr. Arthur W. Wolgast.
Circuit 5: Rev. H. Buss; Mr. Henry Hatesohl.
Circuit 6: Rev. E. Wilms; Mr. Clemens Weber.
Circuit 7: Rev. G. A. Krueckeberg; Mr. Gerhard Backus.
Circuit 8: Rev. G. Tschatschula; Mr. Lewis Trimpe.[1]
Circuit 9: Rev. Albert Bruenger; Mr. William Frevert.
Circuit 10: Rev. Wm. Stelling; Mr. Ernest M. Quade.
Circuit 11: Rev. F. A. Wegener; Mr. H. F. Dunker.
Circuit 12: Rev. W. J. Lebien; Mr. Lawrence Bohling.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. W. Schmidt.
Teachers' Group 1: Mr. A. H. Scheer.[4]
Teachers' Group 2: Mr. E. P. Grefe.
Teachers' Group 3: Mr. W. Kamprath.

MANITOBA AND SASKATCHEWAN DISTRICT

President: Rev. J. Lucht.
Manitoba Circuit: Rev. A. Erthal; Mr. T. O. F. Herzer.[4]
North Saskatchewan Circuit: Rev. F. W. Bollefer; Mr. John Reese.
Soo Line Circuit: Rev. A. E. Koslowsky; Mr. Th. Knipp.
Pheasant Hill Circuit: Rev. W. Eissfeldt; Mr. Jacob Vonau.[1]
Assiniboine Valley Circuit: Rev. A. O. Borchardt; Mr. F. A. Kendel.

MICHIGAN DISTRICT

President: Rev. John Schinnerer.
Group 1: Rev. E. Schury; Mr. Edward Busse.
Group 2: Rev. W. C. Wangerin; Mr. Fred Mohnke, Jr.
Group 3: Rev. E. Storm; Mr. Donald Grady.
Group 4: Rev. A. O. Meyer;[4] Mr. Fred Ramthun.[4]
Group 5: Rev. O. E. Sohn; Mr. Otto Trinklein.
Group 6: Rev. Aug. F. Bernthal;[4] Herman Pahl.[1]
Group 7: Rev. A. A. Hahn; Mr. Wm. Rau.
Group 8: Rev. Theo. Stiegemeyer;[2] Mr. Julius Wendt.
Group 9: Rev. F. Heumann; Mr. A. P. Bertram.
Group 10: Rev. Wm. F. Junke; Mr. Arnold F. Rockensuess.
Group 11: Rev. Louis Heinecke;[4] Mr. Herman Grauer.
Group 12: Rev. G. M. Krach; Mr. Geo. Nitz.
Group 13: Rev. R. A. Koessel; Mr. Fred Moeller.
Group 14: Rev. O. M. Riedel; Mr. Karl W. Hooth.[4]
Group 15: Rev. H. B. Fehner; Mr. Theo. Kamprath.
Group 16: Rev. W. O. Kleinhans; Mr. Theo. Braun.
Group 17: Rev. G. Hildner; Mr. Frank Peplow.
Group 18: Rev. P. Graupner; Mr. Gustav Lang.
Advisory Pastor, Group 1: Rev. J. H. Witte.
Advisory Pastor, Group 2: Rev. W. F. Hagen.
Teachers' Group 1: Mr. C. T. Metz.
Teachers' Group 2: Mr. Martin Weiss.
Teachers' Group 3: Mr. P. Gremel.
Teachers' Group 4: Mr. A. E. Scheiwe.
Teachers' Group 5: Mr. Louis M. Meyer.
Teachers' Group 6: Mr. E. G. Mossner.
Teachers' Group 7: Mr. A. L. Engelhardt.
Teachers' Group 8: Mr. E. C. Matthies.
Teachers' Group 9: Mr. W. Bellhorn.
Teachers' Group 10: Mr. J. A. Mueller.
Teachers' Group 11: Mr. Ed. Nickel.[1]
Superintendent: S. J. Roth.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT

President: Rev. J. C. Meyer.
Circuit 1: Rev. Geo. Ehlers; Mr. Karl Beilke.
Circuit 2: Rev. F. C. Ahrens; Mr. Ernest Maas.
Circuit 3: Rev. H. F. Eggers; Mr. Albert Schultz.[3]
Circuit 4: Rev. E. H. T. Walther; Mr. August Ahl.[4]
Circuit 5: Rev. W. H. Schramm; Mr. Henry Hohenstein.[4]
Circuit 6: Rev. H. Meyer; Mr. E. Herber.
Circuit 7: Rev. P. Koch; Mr. John Koopman.
Circuit 8: Rev. C. Steging;[2] Mr. Edgar G. Felten.
Circuit 9: Rev. E. H. Bertram;[2] Mr. Charles Pahr.
Circuit 10: Rev. R. T. Weinhold; Mr. P. G. Kuntz.
Circuit 11: Rev. K. Rudolph; Mr. William Wendorf.
Circuit 12: Rev. John Schert; Mr. Paul F. Wolf.
Circuit 13: Rev. G. J. Mueller; Mr. Dietrich Harjes.
Circuit 14: Rev. L. Rosin; Mr. Herman Boelter.

Circuit 15: Rev. E. A. Schuett; Mr. August Ross.[4]
Circuit 16: Rev. Geo. Eschenbacher; Mr. Otto E. Ruhnke.[1]
Circuit 17: Rev. M. Brammer;[4] Mr. Gust. Peglow.[4]
Circuit 18: Rev. E. T. Heyne; Mr. Paul Guelsow.
Circuit 19: Rev. E. J. Dreyer; Mr. Walter C. Bettermann.
Circuit 20: Rev. Jul. Nickel; Mr. John J. Harms.
Circuit 21: Rev. O. Rohde; Mr. D. J. Thalmann.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. H. Paul.[4]
Teachers' Circuit 1: Mr. Walter Haas.
Teachers' Circuit 2: Mr. E. Zielske.
Teachers' Circuit 3: Mr. E. Hinze.
Teachers' Circuit 4: Mr. A. Nitschke.
Teachers' Circuit 5: Mr. Theo. Handrich.

NORTH DAKOTA AND MONTANA DISTRICT

President: Rev. J. P. Klausler.
Montana West: Rev. Martin M. A. Cohrs; Mr. Mark Schoknecht.
Montana East: Rev. Aug. M. Bachanz; Mr. Glen K. Coutts.[4]
North Dakota, Missouri Slope: Rev. Paul F. Harre; Mr. Walter Bohrer.
North Dakota, Red River: Rev. Ralph Th. Schuricht; Mr. Herman H. Drees.
North Dakota, Lower Soo: Rev. W. L. Krengel; Mr. Henry Hauschild.
North Dakota, Upper Soo: Rev. Lorenz G. Weber; Mr. Julius Carstens.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT

President: Rev. E. T. Lams.
Circuit 1: Rev. F. E. Gohlke; Mr. Herman Kruse.
Circuit 2: Rev. August Burgdorf; Mr. Wm. F. Schultz.
Circuit 3: Rev. A. R. Kretzmann; Mr. August Stein.
Circuit 4: Rev. A. H. Both; Mr. Wm. Seehausen.
Circuit 5: Rev. O. Schumacher; Mr. Wm. Steffen.[2]
Circuit 6: Rev. C. Abel; Mr. George Dieke.
Circuit 7: Rev. H. H. Harthun; Dr. C. F. O. Miessler.
Circuit 8: Rev. H. M. Bauer; Mr. Wm. R. Streu.
Circuit 9: Rev. G. A. Gehrs; Mr. Oscar Steege.
Circuit 10: Rev. F. J. Frese; Mr. Otto C. Rentner.
Circuit 11: Rev. P. Sauer;[2] Mr. Herbert J. Koepp.
Circuit 12: Rev. M. Piehler; Mr. George Herzog.
Circuit 13: Rev. P. G. Danker; Mr. Henry Bode.[1]
Circuit 14: Rev. M. A. Reinke; Mr. Henry Vetter.
Circuit 15: Rev. M. H. Mueller; Mr. Wm. J. Hinze.
Circuit 16: Rev. P. L. Kluender; Mr. Elmer F. Jacobs.
Circuit 17: Rev. W. F. Suhr; Mr. H. C. Schroeder.
Circuit 18: Rev. W. Schmidtke; Mr. Albert Meyer.
Circuit 19: Rev. F. L. Gehrs; Mr. Wm. F. Buhr; Mr. F. O. Linstead. (Each served part of time.)
Circuit 20: Rev. W. Bezold; Mr. Geo. Bodenschatz.
Advisory Professor: Prof. C. W. G. Eifrig.
Advisory Pastor, Group 1: Rev. J. H. Mueller.
Advisory Pastor, Group 2: Rev. L. A. Grotheer.
Advisory Pastor, Group 3: Rev. M. K. Vetter.
Advisory Pastor, Group 4: Rev. I. Schwartz.
Teachers' Group 1: Mr. R. T. Stahlecker.
Teachers' Group 2: Mr. H. H. Gross.
Teachers' Group 3: Mr. R. Arkebauer.
Teachers' Group 4: Mr. L. K. Lueker.
Teachers' Group 5: Mr. T. F. Wunderlich.
Teachers' Group 6: Mr. Wm. Wittmer.[1]
Teachers' Group 7: Mr. O. Richter.

Teachers' Group 8: Mr. H. E. Albrecht.
Teachers' Group 9: Mr. A. B. Stoeckel.[4]
Teachers' Group 10: Mr. E. Deffner.
Teachers' Group 11: Mr. A. H. Mueller, Jr.[2]
Teachers' Group 12: Mr. E. H. Schalk.
Teachers' Group 13: Mr. L. O. Schaefer.
Teachers' Group 14: Mr. W. J. Kraegel.
Teachers' Group 15: Superintendent P. T. Buszin.

NORTHERN NEBRASKA DISTRICT

President: Rev. M. E. Mayer.
Circuit 1: Rev. H. Moellering; Mr. Martin Hamann.
Circuit 2: Rev. J. H. Gerdes; Mr. J. F. Gnuse.
Circuit 3: Rev. P. Weinhold; Mr. Wm. Hoegemeyer.
Circuit 4: Rev. H. L. Bornemann; Mr. Oscar Ernst.
Circuit 5: Rev. W. C. Rehwaldt; Mr. J. W. Walter.
Circuit 6: Rev. F. C. Doctor; Mr. Julius Schulz.
Circuit 7: Rev. H. H. Sagehorn; Mr. Henry Bless.
Circuit 8: Rev. J. Holstein; Mr. Charles Wachholtz.
Circuit 9: Rev. C. F. Buchroth.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. R. Kruse.
Teachers' Circuit 1: Mr. Theo. Schmidt.
Teachers' Circuit 2: Mr. Karl Firnhaber.
Superintendent of Schools of Northern and Southern Nebraska Districts: Mr. H. Hillmann.

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT

President: Rev. W. L. Kohn.[4]
Circuit 1: Rev. H. P. Westmeyer; Mr. Ernst Storm.
Circuit 2: Rev. N. P. Uhlig; Mr. Chas. Moede.[2]
Circuit 3: Rev. F. Droegemueller; Mr. Wm. Dammeier.
Circuit 4: Rev. R. Malotky; Mr. F. J. Gehrke.
Circuit 5: Rev. Wm. Chellew; Mr. Gustave Liedtke.
Circuit 6: Rev. P. Roehrs; Mr. Emil Doede.
Circuit 7: Rev. W. Koch; Mr. H. W. Eggers.
Circuit 8: Rev. C. Thalacker; Mr. J. Brandenstein.[4]
Circuit 9: Rev. J. Brandt; Mr. Alfred Wendt.[3]
Circuit 10: Rev. G. Heilman; Mr. William Schwantes.
Circuit 11: Rev. E. Klemp; Mr. Theo. Kunz.
Circuit 12: Rev. P. Buck; Mr. Arthur Jacot.
Circuit 13: Rev. H. Klinkenberg; Mr. Ernest Wolline.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. O. Hattstaedt, Jr.
Teacher: Mr. Paul Grotelueschen.

OKLAHOMA DISTRICT

President: Rev. Henry Mueller.
Circuit 1: Rev. A. Pape; Mr. Lester Gerdes.
Circuit 2: Rev. C. H. Benzene; Mr. John Bohlmann.
Circuit 3: Rev. M. Studtmann; Mr. Oscar Rubin.
Circuit 4: Rev. E. H. Pittelko; Dr. Ralph Bienfang.
Teacher: Mr. Harold Meier.

ONTARIO DISTRICT

President: Rev. F. Malinsky.
Northern Circuit: Rev. W. Wentzlaff; Mr. J. S. Lichty.
Eastern Circuit: Rev. W. H. Mundinger; Mr. Otto Holtz.
Southern Circuit: Rev. C. J. Killinger; Mr. William Berg.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. A. C. Hahn.

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DISTRICT

President: Rev. F. M. L. Nitz.
Oregon-South Idaho Circuit 1: Rev. R. Messerli; Dr. Earl C. Muck.
Oregon-South Idaho Circuit 2: Rev. W. Dannenfeldt; Mr. W. C. Davis.
Washington-North Idaho Circuit 1: Rev. J. C. Nauss; Mr. C. Luecken.
Washington-North Idaho Circuit 2: Rev. H. Schulze; Mr. Geo. Battermann, Jr.
Advisory Pastor: Prof. E. H. Brandt.
Teacher: Mr. W. C. Kersten.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT

President: Rev. M. W. H. Holls.
Circuit 1: Rev. D. Gibson; Mr. M. H. Kasper.
Circuit 2: Rev. T. Ahrendt; Mr. G. Adam Turner.[4]
Circuit 3: Rev. H. L. Honold;[2] Mr. N. E. Gross.
Circuit 4: Rev. K. L. Hofmann; Mr. Ed. Stoll.
Circuit 5: Rev. L. Boriack; Mr. H. T. Keister.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. E. H. Wildgrube.
Teacher: Mr. R. W. Wismar.

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT

President: Rev. Walter Nitschke.
Circuit 1: Rev. F. W. Huesner; Mr. W. F. Reisenweber.
Circuit 2: Rev. O. A. Pinnt; Mr. August Schumacher.
Circuit 3: Rev. Wm. Erb; Mr. Wm. Steinberg.
Circuit 4: Rev. C. H. Mueller; Mr. Peter Siefkes.
Circuit 5: Rev. H. Luebke; Mr. Clarence Schwader.[3]
Circuit 6: Rev. F. Leyhe; Mr. Chas. Kiunke.[3]
Especially Delegated: Rev. E. K. Hartenberger.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DISTRICT

President: Rev. G. H. Smukal.
Central Circuit: Mr. E. W. Martens.
San Fernando Circuit: Rev. G. Witte; Mr. P. A. Strehler.
Park Circuit: Rev. A. E. Michel.
Foothill Circuit: Rev. J. H. Heiserman.
Border Circuit: Mr. E. Rising.
Orange Circuit: Mr. Ad. Schuette.
Advisory Pastor: Rev. K. Knippenberg.
Teacher: Mr. J. J. Troester.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT

President: Rev. C. Thomas Spitz.
Circuit 1: Rev. A. C. Waechter; Mr. Albert Gerlt.
Circuit 2: Rev. C. F. Lehenbauer; Mr. B. H. Wagehoft.
Circuit 3: Rev. E. W. Jahn; Mr. Adolph Fuchs; Mr. Chas. Neunaber. (Each part of the time.)
Circuit 4: Rev. F. R. Zucker; Mr. Wm. Holle.
Circuit 5: Rev. A. C. Marquardt; Mr. Fred Hohlt.
Circuit 6: Rev. J. C. Lohrmann; Mr. Henry Lehnhoff.[1]
Circuit 7: Rev. E. H. Bohrer; Mr. H. A. Huebotter.
Circuit 8: Rev. M. H. Clausen; Mr. Frederick Rehmer; Mr. Aug. Eggerding. (Each part of the time.)
Advisory Pastor: Rev. A. Frinke.
Teachers' Group 1: Mr. H. F. Stichweh.
Teachers' Group 2: Mr. D. C. Harnagel.

SOUTHERN NEBRASKA DISTRICT

President: Rev. I. C. Heinicke.
Circuit 1: Rev. Arthur Klinck; Mr. L. C. Krutz.[2]
Circuit 2a: Rev. T. Joeckel; Mr. Wm. Dankers.
Circuit 2b: Rev. H. E. Meyer; Mr. Geo. W. Heineke.
Circuit 2c: Rev. W. Petersen; Mr. Henry Rathjen.
Circuit 3a: Rev. W. Ernstmeyer; Mr. John Endorf.
Circuit 3b: Rev. O. W. Juengel; Mr. Henry Hegener.
Circuit 4: Rev. F. W. Schulze; Mr. Frank Finnigsmeier.
Circuit 5: Rev. M. Matuschka; Mr. John Fritz, Sr.[4]
Circuit 6: Rev. A. M. Burroughs; Mr. Wm. J. Scheffel.
Circuit 7: Rev. O. H. Blessin; Mr. Wm. Heine.
Circuit 8: Rev. C. P. Pebler; Mr. Fred Reker.
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St. Charles Teachers' Conference: Mr. H. F. Buls.
St. Louis Teachers' Conference, North: Mr. Wm. Zimmermann.

GUESTS

There were present at the convention, besides a large number of unregistered visitors, over six hundred registered guests. Under these circumstances it is hardly feasible to print all these names in the *Proceedings;* however, they are kept on file by the Registration Committee.

EXCUSE CARDS

The *Committee on Excuses* submitted the following suggestion, which was *adopted* by Synod:

Your committee suggests that to expedite business the excuse cards be amended to include the information whether the delegate is a pastor, teacher, lay delegate, or representative of some board, that the District and voting circuit be mentioned, and that the delegates be urged to use the excuse card provided for this purpose.

Tabular Survey

Synodical Districts	Delegates Present							Del. Absent					Especially Delegated
	Voting			Advisory				Vot'g		Advisory			
	Pastors	Lay Delegates	Totals	Presidents or Vice-Presidents	Pastors	Teachers	Totals	Pastors	Lay Delegates	Pastors	Teachers	Totals	
1. Alberta and British Columbia	1	2	3	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
2. Argentine	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3. Atlantic	14	13	27	1	2	1	4	—	1	—	—	—	—
4. Brazil	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5. California and Nevada	3	2	5	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
6. Central	27	26	53	1	1	13	15	—	1	1	—	2	—
7. Central Illinois	11	10	21	1	—	3	4	—	1	—	—	—	—
8. Colorado	4	4	8	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
9. Eastern	14	14	28	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	1	1	—
10. English	16	16	32	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	4
11. Iowa East	12	12	24	1	1	2	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
12. Iowa West	12	11	23	1	1	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—
13. Kansas	12	11	23	1	1	3	5	—	1	—	—	—	—
14. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	5	4	9	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—
15. Michigan	18	17	35	1	2	11	14	—	1	—	1	2	—
16. Minnesota	21	19	40	1	1	5	7	—	2	—	—	—	—
17. North Dakota and Montana	6	6	12	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
18. Northern Illinois	20	19	39	1	5	14	20	—	1	—	1	2	—
19. Northern Nebraska	9	8	17	1	1	3	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
20. North Wisconsin	13	12	25	1	1	1	3	—	1	—	—	—	—
21. Oklahoma	4	4	8	1	—	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
22. Ontario	3	3	6	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
23. Oregon and Washington	4	4	8	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
24. Southern	5	5	10	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
25. South Dakota	6	4	10	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	1	3	1
26. Southern California	3	4	7	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
27. Southern Illinois	8	7	15	1	1	2	4	—	1	—	—	—	—
28. Southern Nebraska	12	12	24	1	—	3	4	—	—	1	—	1	—
29. South Wisconsin	14	14	28	1	2	6	9	1	1	—	—	—	—
30. Texas	7	7	14	1	1	1	3	—	—	—	—	2	1
31. Western	25	23	48	1	—	3	4	—	2	—	—	—	—
General Officials	—	—	—	—	—	—	23	—	—	—	—	—	—
Faculties	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	—	—	—	—	—	—
Boards of Control	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	—	—	—	—	—	—
Boards and Committees	—	—	—	—	—	—	60	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	312	293	605	29	26	79	*280	2	17	2	4	25	7

* From the 282 there are to be subtracted 19 names, since in the various groupings this number of men was listed twice.

Committees

The reports and memorials to Synod as contained in the book of *Reports and Memorials,* including also a large number of unprinted overtures, were submitted by the President of Synod to twenty committees as reported in the official organs of Synod. These committees and their work are listed below, including the revisions announced in the first session.

Committees and Their Work

Numbers over 100 refer to printed, under 100 to unprinted memorials

Committee 1: Seminaries and Colleges. Reports and Memorials 101—115. 117—122. 124—246. 148. Addendum to pp. 82 and 83 on page 100. 701 B, I, 1, 2, 4. 701 B, II, 1—5. 701 B, III, 1—7. 712. 713. 6: Report of Valparaiso Advisory Committee. 22: Developing of educational departments at Crespo and Porto Alegre (Bd. of Missions for S. A.). 41: University Chapel at Berkeley, Cal. (Bethlehem Church, Berkeley). 44: Request to relieve commissary department (Seward Bd. of Control). 45: Coeducation at Bronxville (N. Y. Past. Conf.). 46: High School and Coeducation at Crespo. 50—53: Letters regarding coeducation and higher education (Southeast Dist. Teachers' Conf. of Wisconsin, Wm. Carmann, S. Ind. Teachers' Conf., Fox and Rock River Valley Teachers' Conf. of S. Ill.). 54: Four-year courses for Seward and River Forest (South and East Mich. Teachers' Conf.). 56: Tuition plan for all students (Teacher Nuoffer). 57: Letter regarding grants for professors taking advanced courses (Rev. Manz). 58: Letter regarding fourth year at St. Louis. 59: Comment regarding Memorial 137. 61: Material on missions at St. Louis Seminary (Southeastern Pastoral Conf.). 62: Coeducation at St. Paul, Minn. (South Central Minnesota Dist. Conf.). Besides these there were other unprinted and unregistered letters, among them a request of Professor Rehfeldt for the Board of Control at Porto Alegre and a letter of Edgar Monke regarding higher education. — *Committee:* All District Presidents. The Committee on Colleges of the Board of Directors. Pastors: Meinzen (Cent.), Brammer (Iowa E.), Klinck (S. Nebr.), Boerger (S. Wis.), Schramm (Minn.). Teachers: Weiss (Mich.), Stichweh (S. Ill.). Laymen: E. W. Meyer (Atl.), Spindler (East.), Engel (Engl.), Frevert (Kans.), Kuntz (Minn.). Professors: Th. Graebner, Albrecht, Schmieding, Rincker. Advisory members: F. Pfotenhauer, E. Seuel. Chairman: Schinnerer.

Committee 2: Missions. Reports and Memorials 401. 403—405. 407 to 412. 414. 701 A, 5. 701 C. 709. 710. 10: Creation of a Southern and Northern District of Colored Missions (Northern Pastoral Conf. of Iowa Dist. East). 15: Report and Recommendations of Board of Home Missions in Europe. 16: Memorial on recommendations by the Committee on Church Extension Fund. 19: Memorial on New Guinea Missions of Australian Synod. 21: Memorial on Indian Missions (Sam Miller, Gresham, Wis.). 26: Letters of Calvary Church, Kansas City, and others regarding request of Pilgrim Lutheran Missions to the Deaf of Kansas City. Correspondence with Rev. H. Levihn on resident adviser and a memorial of Victor Richter were also considered. — Pastors: Lankenau, chairman, Mensing (East.), Rehwaldt (N. Nebr.), Lehenbauer (S. Ill.), Kuechle (Cent.), Koepchen (Atl.), Engel (Cal.-Nev.), Neitzel (Cent. Ill.), Proehl (Engl.), Frese (Iowa E.), Buss (Kans.), Erthal (Man.-Sask.), Bernthal (Mich.), Rudolph (Minn.), Harre (N. Dak.-Mont.), Piehler (N. Ill.), Dietz (S. Wis.), Erb (S. Dak.). Teachers: Twietmeyer (Cent.), Suelter (Colo.), Meier (Okla.), Troester (S. Cal.), Ehlen (Iowa W.), Kersten (Oreg.-Wash.). Laymen: Nieting (Iowa W.), Heidorn (N. Ill.), Hennig (Alta.-Br. Col.), Felten (Minn.), Holtz (Ont.), Turner (So.), Endorf (S. Nebr.), Mutchow (S. Wis.), Kaspar (Tex.), Torrence (West.), Braun (Mich.), Krull (East.), Brandenstein (N. Wis.), Reitzel (Engl.), Schindler (Atl.), Sanman (Cent. Ill.), Gerlt (S. Ill.). Professors: Lange, Sommer, Neeb, Spitz.

Committee 3: Credentials and Registration. — Pastors: List, Korris. Teacher: Zimmermann. Laymen: Kennedy, Wehmeyer. (All from Western District.)

Committee 4: Nominations. 29: Nomination for office of Statistician (Southeastern Pastoral Conference). — Pastors: Ressmeyer (Engl.), Ad. Meyer (Atl.), Strieter (Cent.), Moellering (N. Nebr.), A. R. Kretzmann (N. Ill.), Dannenfeldt (Oreg.-Wash.), Berger (West.). Teachers: Wukasch (Cent.), Grotelueschen (N. Wis.), Wismar (So.). Laymen: Vieth (Iowa E.), Herzer (Man.-Sask.), Martens (S. Cal.), Piepkorn (S. Wis.), Holsten (West.).

Committee 5: Elections. Memorial No. 509. — Pastor: Hoemann (Iowa W.). Teacher: Handrich (Minn.). Layman: Elmer (Cal.-Nev.).

Committee 6: Applications for Membership. — Pastors: Lohrmann (S. Ill.), Gehrs (N. Ill.). Teachers: Firnhaber (N. Nebr.), Koschmann (S. Wis.). Laymen: Faubel (Engl.), Coutts (N. Dak.-Mont.).

Committee 7: Christian Education. 123. 132. 147. 201—203. 18: Memorial on School Extension Fund (supplement to Report of Bd. of Christian Education). 47: Research Work in Education (S. Ill. Teachers' Conf.). Memorial of Mr. Victor Richter. — Pastors: Fehner (Mich.), Michalk (Tex.), Uhlig (N. Wis.), Maier (Engl.), Bertram (Minn.). Professors: Kohn, Coyner. Teachers: Wunderlich (N. Ill.), Liebe (Cent.), Boriack (Cal.-Nev.). Laymen: Gnuse (N. Nebr.), Kutzbach (S. Wis.), Scheffel (S. Nebr.), Augustine (Cent. Ill.), Maxwell (West.).

Committee 8: Young People. 301—303. 701 B, I, 3. 2: Overture on Youth Department of Synod (Randolph-Monroe Counties' Past. Conf. and Okawville Circuit Past. Conf.). 28: Memorial regarding the Report of the Board for Young People's Work (Visitors of N. Wis. Dist.). — Pastors: Kluender (N. Ill.), Studtmann (Okla.), Lange (West.), Aug. Brunn (Atl.). Professor: Mundinger. Teachers: Zielske (Minn.), Doering (Tex.). Laymen: Messmann (Cent.), Bertram (Mich.), Davis (Oreg.-Wash.), Walter (N. Nebr.).

Committee 9: Constitutional Matters. 116. 501—503. 505—507. 510. 512. 612. 613. 701 A, 12. 701 D. 714. 10: Memorial regarding Creation of Southern and Northern District of Colored Missions (Southern Indiana Past. Conf.). 24: Editor of official church-paper holding additional office (Rev. C. Th. Spitz). 25: Relation of Bd. of Directors to colleges and seminaries (Committee of Bd. of Dir.). 33: Memorial regarding change of Synod's name (St. John's Luth. Ch., Red Lake Falls, Minn.). 34: Memorial regarding proposed Southeastern District (Baltimore Circuit Past. Conf.). 36: Memorial protesting against changing of Synod's name (Baltimore Circuit Past. Conf.). 39: Memorial regarding change of Synod's name. 42: Procedure in case of appeals (Rev. Paul Melcher). Unprinted and unregistered correspondence was also considered. — Pastors: Witte (S. Cal.), Hannewald (Colo.), Docter (Cent.), Malte (East.). Professors: M. Graebner, Krueger. Teacher: Lueker (N. Ill.). Laymen: Trinklein (Mich.), Bienfang (Okla.), Koepke (S. Wis.), Weise (Tex.).

Committee 10: Lodges. 508. 7: Memorial regarding Boy Scouts (Colo. District). — Pastors: Sohn (Mich.), Leyhe (S. Dak.), Nickel (Minn.). Professor: Dobberfuhl. Teacher: Deffner (N. Ill.). Laymen: Eggers (N. Wis.), Wolff (Atl.), Heinrich (Cent. Ill.).

Committee 11: Publications. 601—603. 614. 616. 617. 20: Memorial on publishing a short, concise Church History (Northeastern Pennsylvania Conf.). This committee also considered several unprinted and unregistered letters.

Committee 12: Hymn-book. 608—611. 615. 12: Postponement of publication of hymn-book (Lake Erie Conf.). 13: Report of Committee on Hymnology and Liturgics. 32: Memorial to proceed with publication of new hymnal without delay (St. John's Congregation, York, Pa.). Unregistered correspondence was also considered. — Pastors: Wangerin (Mich.), Messerli (Oreg.-Wash.), Brenner (Cent. Ill.), Sauer (N. Ill.), Heyne (Minn.). Professors: P. E. Kretzmann, Haase. Teachers: Buszin (N. Ill.), Pohland (S. Wis.). Laymen: Berkel (Engl.), Heckel (Atl.), Schoknecht (N. Dak.-Mont.).

Committee 13: Catechism. 604—608. 35: Protest against the changing of Luther's Small Catechism (Baltimore Circuit Past. Conf.). Unregistered correspondence was also considered. — Pastors: Roehrs (N. Wis.), Sommer (Engl.), Klausing (Cent.), Rothe (West.), Gerdes (N. Nebr.). Professors: Friedrich, Brommer. Teachers: Schaefer (N. Ill.), Grotrian (Atl.). Laymen: Studt (Iowa E.), Griewisch (East.), Peplow (Mich.), Hillmer (Kans.), Knipp (Man.-Sask.).

Committee 14: Finances. 413. 504. 701 A, 1, 2, 4, 6—11. 702. 703. 711. 715. 805. 19: Assisting Ev. Luth. Synod of Australia in New Guinea Missions (Ev. Luth. Synod of Australia and correspondence with Dean Fritz). 37: Appropriation for Lutheran Exhibit at World's Fair (Atlantic Dist. Committee). The financial report of Concordia Publishing House, which was printed as a supplement to Memorial No. 601, and part of a memorial by Mr. Victor Richter were also considered by this committee. — Pastors: Weiss (Cent. Ill.), Stiegemeyer (Mich.), Geisler (Iowa W.), Burhenn (East.), Schulz (S. Wis.), Fenske (Alta.-Br. Col.). Professor: Schmitt. Teacher: Schmieding (S. Nebr.). Laymen: Schwier (Cent.), Witte (Cal.-Nev.), Maier (Atl.), Rubin (Okla.), Rentner (N. Ill.), Hinze (N. Ill.), Wendt (West.), Berg (Ont.).

Committee 15: Support and Pensions. 701 A, 3. 704—707. — Pastors: Fretthold (East.), Bahr (Iowa W.), Brammer (Minn.), Bornemann (N. Nebr.), Mundinger (Ont.). Professor: Schwermann. Teachers: Persigehl (Cent. Ill.), Georg (Iowa E.). Laymen: Rippe (Cent.), Downing (Engl.), Stoll (So.), Kiunke (S. Dak.), Vetter (N. Ill.), Wermich (Atl.), Eggerding (S. Ill.).

Committee 16: Intersynodical and Doctrinal Matters. 513. 514. 1: Criticism of Proceedings of the Iowa District West and other doctrinal matters (Rev. Theo. Hanssen). 3: Memorial "Concerning Truth," criticism of doctrinal statements that appeared in print during last years (Rev. W. M. Oesch). 9: Baccalaureate Services (Northern Past. Conf. of Iowa Dist. East). 23: Exercising doctrinal control over widely read non-official church-papers in Synod (North Central Conference of Northern Nebraska District). 48: Resolution of Dubuque-Waterloo Conf. regarding report of Committee on Lutheran Union. — Besides these there arrived immediately before and during the convention a large number of additional memorials, letters, opinions, and petitions, some addressed to Committee 16, others to Synod. Among this unregistered material there occurred the following: Opinion concerning Memorial 513 (Hanssen); petition for investigation of matters associated with Memorial 410 (Hanssen); overture concerning Chinese term question (Hanssen); request for correct interpretation of Hos. 2:16, 17 (Hanssen); a communication concerning "synodical control" over "organizations in the Church"; a communication directed against the suggestion of employing "the power of Synod as a means of enforcing agreement by means of resolutions and censorship." These and many additional documents, letters, and

oral opinions were duly considered by the committee. — Pastors: H. Meyer (Minn.), Michel (S. Cal.), Abel (N. Ill.), Acker (Cent.), Herm. Meier (East.). Professors: Fuerbringer, Maier, Hemmeter. Teachers: Scheer (Kans.), Huelle (S. Nebr.). Laymen: Dorpat (S. Wis.), Nitz (Mich.), Horst (Engl.), Wagehoft (S. Ill.).

Committee 17: Publicity. 618. 708. — Pastors: Burgdorf (N. Ill.), Rast (Tex.), Eissfeldt (Man.-Sask.), Merkel (Atl.). Professors: J. T. Mueller, Doege. Teacher: Grefe (Kans.). Laymen: Rehwinkel (Cent.), Droste (Cent. Ill.), Besel (Colo.), Maas (Minn.).

Committee 18: Miscellaneous. 402. 406. 511. 801—804. 27: World Calendar (Cleveland Past. Conf. of Engl. Dist.). 31: Separate mailing-list of all candidates active in work of Church (Southeastern Past. Conf.). 38: Coordination of organizations in the Church (Rev. Paul G. Prokopy). 40: Message to committee considering overtures on Women's Missionary Endeavor or Lutheran Woman's League (Rev. O. Feucht). 43: Material on question of World Calendar. 49: Housing of convention and pre-convention meetings (St. Louis Housing Committee). Invitations for next convention and other correspondence. — Pastors: Bobzin (Atl.), Feiertag (Colo.), Gibson (So.), Schuett (Minn.), Trinklein (Engl.). Professor: Wolfram. Teachers: Heidbreder (Cent.), Arkebauer (N. Ill.). Laymen: Mews (Iowa E.), Schuelke (Iowa W.), Hooth (Mich.), Luker (Tex.), Rising (S. Cal.).

Committee 19: Appeals. 4: Reentry of appeal by Dr. Brux. 5: Reentry of appeal by H. Reinitz. 11: Reentry of Shobonier (Augsburg), Ill., appeal case. 17: Appeal by Mrs. W. F. Eden. — Synod elected the following Nominating Committee for the appeal committees: Pastors: F. W. Heumann (Mich.), F. W. Wolter (Iowa). Teacher: H. C. Rommelmann (S. Wis.). Laymen: T. Kunz (N. Wis.), A. E. Horst (Engl.).

Committee 19A: Brux Case. — Pastors: E. Lams (N. Ill.), P. Barth (Cent.). Teacher: R. Arkebauer (N. Ill.). Laymen: Wm. Schultz (N. Ill.), Wm. Hintze (N. Ill.).

Committee 19B: Reinitz Case. — Pastors: Paul Koenig (West.), G. Krach (Mich.). Teacher: A. Pohland (S. Wis.). Laymen: Theo. Burger (S. Wis.), Ed. Walter (N. Nebr.).

Committee 19C: Shobonier (Augsburg), Ill., Case. — Pastors: Walter Koch (N. Wis.), H. Plehn (East.). Teacher: H. Mueller (West.). Laymen: Ed. Gockel (Engl.), Chas. Reichert (Atl.).

Committee 19D: Eden Case. — Pastors: J. Nickel (Minn.), F. H. Zucker (S. Ill.). Teacher: H. H. Gross (N. Ill.). Laymen: John Spindler (East.), H. Grauer (Mich.).

Committee 20: Excuses. — Pastors: Wegener (Kans.), Littmann (Cent.), Pebler (S. Nebr.). Teacher: Wolkenhauer (S. Wis.). Laymen: Wolf (Minn.), Kunz (N. Wis.), Heyder (Engl.).

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New Members Received into Synod

I. Congregations (on recommendation of Committee 6):

1. Christ Lutheran Church, Noblesville, Ind., into the Central District.

2. Grace Lutheran Church, Muncie, Ind., into the Central District.

*3. The Lutheran Church of the Holy Nativity, Arbutus, Md., into the English District.

*4. Grace Lutheran Church, Oberlin, O., into the English District.

5. Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Augusta, Ga., into the English District.

6. St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Woodstock, Ill., into the Northern Illinois District.

7. The Second Avenue Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sterling, Ill., into the Northern Illinois District.

†8. Messiah Lutheran Church, Independence, Mo., into the Western District.

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

Alberta and British Columbia District. Pastors: Harold A. Merklinger (St. Louis), North Vancouver, B. C.; Philip Fry (St. Louis), Fort Saskatchewan, B. C.

Brazil District. Pastors: Richard E. Hasz (Springfield), Jaragua, Brazil; Werner Wadewitz (St. Louis), Porto Alegre, Brazil; Wilhelm Luedke; W. Rehfeldt; Walter Dreyer; Edgar Klein.

Central District. Pastors: Edwin W. David (St. Louis), Lawrenceburg, Ind.; Paul J. Frisch (St. Louis), Pomeroy, O.; Earl Grugel (Springfield), Mount Hope, O.; O. L. Hartman (Springfield), Noblesville, Ind.; Martin Vogelsang (St. Louis), Parkersburg, W. Va. — *Teachers:* W. Archabald (River Forest), Indiana Harbor, Ind.; O. A. Buchhorn (River Forest), R. 4, Vincennes, Ind.; E. K. Eckert (River Forest), Toledo, O.; Ralph Hafner (River Forest), Cleveland (Collinwood), O.; Walter C. Muehl (River Forest), New Haven, Ind.; Arthur L. Witt (River Forest), Kendallville, Ind.; George W. Woldt (River Forest), Elkhart, Ind.

English District. Pastors: Edwin H. Kringel (St. Louis), Pittsburgh, Pa.; Arnold V. Kuster (St. Louis), Sarnia, Ont., Can.; Adolph R. Meyer (St. Louis), Augusta, Ga.; Clifford Voge (St. Louis), Los Angeles, Cal.; Lambert Brose (St. Louis), Los Angeles, Cal.; E. A. Eggers (St. Louis), Anderson, Ind.; Richard P. Meibohm (St. Louis), Winston-Salem, N. C.

North Dakota and Montana District. Pastors: Donald C. Boernke (St. Louis), Hamilton, Mont.; Walter Link (St. Louis), Zap, N. Dak.; Alfred Wolkenhauer (St. Louis), Dresden, N. Dak.

Texas District. Pastors: Victor G. Meyer, Carlsbad, N. Mex.; J. H. Rische, Schattel, Tex.; E. Lange, Wilson, Tex.; W. F. Schlecht, Alamo, Tex.; Clarence Knippa, Kashmere Gardens, Houston, Tex. — *Teachers:* F. W. Heintzen, San Antonio, Tex.; G. F. Mertz, San Antonio, Tex.; C. Halter, Houston, Tex.; T. Schreiner, Hufsmith, Tex.

Western District. Pastors: L. C. Niemoeller (St. Louis), Bismarck, Ironton, Pilot Knob, Mo.; Erich Peterson (St. Louis), Ernestville, Mo.; E. Stuenkel (St. Louis), Pocahontas, Mo.; Louis O. Hemmann (Springfield), Liberty, Mo.; Wm. Buege (St. Louis), Carthage, Mo.; Carl H. Roschke (St. Louis), Kirksville, Mo.; Oscar Hellwege (St. Louis), Diggins and Marschfield, Mo.; W. Maring (St. Louis), Wellsville, Mo.; E. H. Holsten (St. Louis), Independence, Mo. — *Teachers:* Armin Meyerman (River Forest), Farmington, Mo.; Eldor G. Luepke (River Forest), St. Louis, Mo.; August Kiekhaefer (River Forest), Emma, Mo.

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* The constitutions of these congregations had been approved by the English District Committee on Constitutions.

† The examination committee of the Western District, Rev. E. Pardieck, chairman, on the basis of the congregation's constitution had recommended favorable action.

I. SEMINARIES AND COLLEGES

A. Report of the Committee on Higher Education

(Memorial 131, p. 58 ff.)

I. Introduction. — Committee Organization

The Synod of 1935 occupied itself to a very large extent with problems of higher education, specifically with the improvement and advancement of the institutions owned and operated by Synod for ministerial and teacher-training. A Committee on Higher Education, composed of thirteen men, submitted many proposals, a majority of which were adopted by Synod. Chief among these was the retention of our six-year junior colleges, the addition of a fourth year at the St. Louis Seminary (at the bottom of the course) and the addition of a third college year at our two teachers' colleges at River Forest and Seward. A new curriculum for ministerial and teacher-training was submitted in broad outline by this Committee of Thirteen and adopted by Synod. Some of the features of this new curriculum became operative in the fall of 1936, others in 1937, and still others are to become effective this year. Upon recommendation of the above committee, Synod resolved that a new Committee on Higher Education be appointed by the President in consultation with the Vice-Presidents, with instructions that this new committee "is to prepare in detail an integrated and unified curriculum with the cooperation of the faculties and to direct and supervise the introduction of the curriculum and its requirements." (*Proceedings 1935*, p. 38.)

Pursuant to this resolution the presidential staff appointed a new Committee on Higher Education, with Vice-President Henry A. Grueber as chairman, and the following members: Prof. Theo. Hoyer, Prof. F. E. Mayer, Prof. J. T. Link, Ph. D., Prof. W. H. Wente, Ph. D., Rev. F. W. C. Jesse, Mr. A. O. Leutheusser, A. M., Mr. Martin E. Strieter, B. S., and Rev. Martin Walker, A. M. The last-named was elected secretary. Six of these nine men had been members of the Committee of Thirteen in the previous triennium.

It pleased the Lord to call Prof. J. T. Link to our heavenly home on December 20, 1936. Dr. Link was a Christian gentleman, who combined genuine scholarship with Christian humility. He was a valuable member of the committee, especially with reference to teacher-training. Prof. L. G. Bickel, Ph. D., was appointed in his stead.

Your Committee on Higher Education (hereinafter referred to as Committee A) convened eight times, with a total of 29 sessions, most of which were attended by all members. President Behnken met and counseled with your Committee whenever his manifold duties permitted. Much work was done through correspondence, and through special subcommittees.

Many matters were referred to your Committee by the Cleveland Synod. The chief task assigned was the preparing in detail of the new curricula; and for this detailed work your Committee was instructed by Synod to appoint two curricular committees: one for the junior colleges and seminaries, a majority of whose members should be seminary and college professors; and the other for our two teachers' colleges, a majority of whose members should be members of these two faculties. Accordingly your Committee appointed the following two curricular committees:

Committee on Curriculum for Junior Colleges and Seminaries (referred to as Committee B): Rev. Martin Walker, A. M., chairman; Prof. F. E. Mayer, secretary; Prof. Theo. Hoyer, Prof. P. E. Kretzmann, Ph. D., Prof. Martin H. Coyner, Prof. Geo. V. Schick, Ph. D., Prof. Leroy C. Rincker, A. M., Prof. Martin Graebner, Prof. W. R. Roehrs, Ph. D., Prof. Theo. W. Hausmann, A. M., Prof. W. H. Wente, Ph. D., Prof. R. A. Eifert, A. M., Mr. A. O. Leutheusser, A. M.

Committee on Curriculum for Teachers' Colleges (referred to as Committee C): Rev. Paul Koenig, chairman; Prof. J. T. Link, Ph. D., secretary; Prof. Martin Lochner, Prof. Alfred Schmieding, Prof. L. G. Bickel, Ph. D., Samuel J. Roth, District Superintendent of Parochial Schools, and Mr. Martin E. Strieter, B. S. (The vacancy caused by the death of Dr. Link was not filled in this committee. Dr. Bickel served as secretary.)

It will be noticed that the members of Committee A were represented on Committees B and C. This was done purposely, in order thoroughly to integrate all our work. The work of these curricular committees was submitted in finished form to your Committee on Higher Education, which subjected it to critical study and some revision. Thereupon your Committee adopted it and ordered the introduction of the new curricula in the respective schools. We now report in greater detail on the work of these committees.

II. The Work of the Curricular Committees

The Committee on Curriculum for Colleges and Seminaries (Committee B), composed of eleven theological and junior-college professors, one pastor and one layman, worked in a harmonious spirit on its task of fixing the curriculum for our junior colleges and the seminaries. This committee met six times, holding thirty-two sessions.

Some idea as to the scope of this committee's work may be gained from the following list of essays submitted for thorough discussion, covering about 250 pages of type-written material:

1. How to approach the task of constructing a curriculum for ministerial training. 2. The objectives of the junior colleges in preparing for St. Louis. 3. A study of the objectives of Concordia Seminary as related to entrance requirements. 4. Statistics of time allotment for the various courses on the present curriculum. 5. The need of German in ministerial training. 6. Orientation courses. 7. The ideal course in religion. 8. The curriculum in English; 9. in German for the high school; 10. in Latin and Greek; 11. in history for the high school; 12. in political science; 13. in economics; 14. in sociology; 15. in mathematics; 16. in the natural sciences. 17. The approach to, and content of, the humanities course. 18. Physical education. 19. Social contacts of our students. 20. Intelligence, aptitude, personality, and achievement tests. 21. The ideal course in music for our junior colleges. 22. The four-year curriculum for the St. Louis Seminary. 23. The Springfield Seminary curriculum.

The essays on the courses contained much detailed material on objectives and content and elicited much fruitful discussion. Since all important essays were mimeographed, the various faculties were enabled to discuss the essays and thus gain a comprehensive view of the entire curriculum.

In addition to the above papers a number of oral reports were made by subcommittees on topics such as the placement of Hebrew, voice-training, library facilities, laboratory equipment, and tuition for non-ministerial students.

Acting upon instruction of Synod, the committee carefully studied the basic principles of the curriculum submitted to the Cleveland Convention by the Committee of Thirteen and on the basis of its own studies fixed the objectives, content, and time allotments for each course. The chief changes in the preministerial curriculum consist in the transfer of Hebrew from the junior colleges to the Seminary at St. Louis; the addition of economics, sociology, and the humanities; the reorganization of the courses in the natural sciences and in mathematics; and greater emphasis on directed self-activity. The essential changes in the St. Louis Seminary curriculum were incorporated in the additional year, which forms the first year of the new four-year program and which will offer Hebrew, New Testament Greek, Patristic Latin, German Bible, introduction to church history, symbolics, psychology, pedagogy, and homiletics, with special attention to speech. By depressing a number of courses into the new first year, additional time for deepening theological courses on the higher level has been

gained. At the direction and under the supervision of the Committee on Higher Education this new curriculum was introduced in the junior colleges in the fall of 1936 and is now in almost full operation. The four-year program at St. Louis is ready for introduction in the fall of 1938.

The findings and recommendations of Committee B were submitted to Committee A and in mimeographed form were conveyed to all faculties for study. This manual of 86 pages, containing a description of all courses, both at the junior colleges and at the St. Louis Seminary, is available in mimeographed form, bound loose-leaf, and may be secured from Dr. W. H. Wente, St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., for $1.00.

In the opinion of the Committee this new curriculum is so arranged that all ideals and objectives for preministerial training are correctly set forth, the proper integration between the junior colleges and the Seminary is emphasized, and at the same time accreditation and the conferring of recognized academic degrees are made possible.

Much time was devoted to such questions as spiritual culture *(innere Hebung)*, library facilities, comprehensive examinations, methods of teaching, and similar phases of an efficient curriculum, and a number of suggestions were submitted to our schools.

The committee sponsored the preparation of a German basic vocabulary list of about six hundred and fifty terms used chiefly in religious contexts. This vocabulary will be introduced in our preministerial schools this fall and is now being supplied to all teachers and students of German.

A number of our professors are now collaborating on a series of text-books for courses in religion to be used in our preministerial schools. This series includes a syllabus for the catechetical course in the freshman and sophomore years of high school; a Bible History text for the junior and senior years of the high school; an introduction to the Bible and doctrines of the Bible for use in the junior college. Dr. P. E. Kretzmann is chairman of this special committee on texts in religion.

Springfield. The committee fixed the entrance requirements for Springfield at two years of high-school training or its equivalent. The curriculum for the academy was revised to permit the introduction of courses in the humanities and the social studies and the reorganization of the courses in the natural sciences. The Greek New Testament course was extended to two years. No essential changes were made in the Seminary curriculum.

The Committee on Curriculum for Teachers' Colleges (Committee C) was composed of four faculty members, one pastor, one District superintendent of parochial schools, and one layman. This

committee held five meetings and in addition thereto joint sessions with the Committee on Higher Education (A) and the Committee for Curriculum for Junior Colleges (B). The following list of essays will give a fair idea of the scope of this committee's work: 1. Desirable qualifications of the Lutheran teacher. 2. Guiding principles in the construction of the curriculum for teachers' colleges. 3. Faculty organization. 4. The curriculum in religion; 5. in English; 6. in German; 7. in the social studies; 8. in science and mathematics; 9. in music; 10. in art; 11. in education; 12. in the field of individual skills, physical education, and recreation; 13. in service training of teachers. 14. Directors of religious education.

The Committee enjoyed the fullest cooperation of faculty members of both schools. A large proportion of the papers were prepared by experts in their field. The participation of members of both faculties indicated a keen awareness of the problems involved and added greatly to the value of the Committee's final report.

Committee C's findings and recommendations were submitted to Committee A in mimeographed form (125 pages) for approval and thereupon conveyed to the two teachers' colleges for introduction. (This curricular study is now available, bound loose-leaf, and can be procured from Dr. L. G. Bickel, Seward, Nebr., for $1.00.)

In several joint meetings Committees B and C elaborated standards and policies for all our institutions. These were later approved by Committee A. Henceforth these standards shall be a governing factor in determining faculty competence, teaching load and student load, library equipment, student records, health service, accreditation, and related questions. These standards and policies are included in the manuals of both committees.

Action of Synod: These two parts of the report were *received* by Synod.

III. General Higher Education and Coeducation

Among the many problems with which your Committee occupied itself in the past three years none was found to possess more far-reaching implications, none received a more thoroughgoing and earnest study, than the problem of general higher education, the opening of our educational institutions to a larger number of students not preparing for the service of the Church in pulpit or school. Associated with this problem is the question of coeducation. These questions were specifically referred to our committee by the Synod of 1935.

It is true that Synod has always permitted its schools to receive a few, usually local, students who did not purpose to enter

the service of the Church. It is further true that the schools received from the former English Synod, that is, Conover and Winfield, always had general higher education and coeducation. But the fact remains that hitherto the preponderant opinion in our circles has been that Synod as such has the one duty, educationally speaking, of training preachers and teachers of the Word and that all other education was purely incidental. Furthermore, it has been held by many that Synod cannot afford to educate the sons and daughters of members who purpose to enter upon a secular calling. On the other hand, the number of those is growing who, realizing the dangers of the materialistic education in non-Christian schools, believe that the Church as such should provide an advanced as well as an elementary education and that she should do so both for her own protection and for the propagation of the Gospel, since it requires not only a consecrated but also a well-informed laity effectively to support the work of the Gospel ministry. The argument is advanced that the cost of such an educational program will be an investment in the Church's own maintenance and development.

The replies to a questionnaire sent out by Committee A to all institutions state that in nearly all our centers there is a growing demand for opening our institutions more widely to students of both sexes who are not preparing for the direct ministry of the Church.

The fact that we have considerable vacant space in all our junior colleges except in Milwaukee has led boards of control and faculties to request larger freedom with regard to the reception of non-ministerial students. It is pointed out that by receiving students who pay tuition the maintenance cost to Synod may be reduced. In most cases the faculties as now constituted could take care of a larger number of students.

However, your Committee realizes full well that this is not only a temporary question of accommodation but fundamentally a question of an educational policy to be adopted or not by Synod. For this reason we gave so much time and thought to this problem.

We hold that the original character of our institutions as schools of the Church must be preserved at any cost. Whatever expansion or extension of courses may be granted must not be permitted to interfere with the prime purpose of these schools: the training of servants of the Church. We may not suffer anything to enter our educational system that would threaten its spiritual vitality and its Lutheran confessionalism.

As a result of our prolonged deliberations we herewith submit the following recommendations:

1. Because of the growing demand, referred to above, we

recommend that a further experiment in general higher education and coeducation be made at Bronxville, Oakland, Austin, and River Forest.* At these schools, additions may be made to the regular courses in order to satisfy the requirements of non-ministerial and non-teacher students, but with the distinct proviso that such additions or adjustments may in no wise alter the fundamental curriculum of the school and that they be made under the supervision of the Committee on Higher Education. It is further stipulated that all financial questions involved in such accommodations shall be adjusted by the local boards in cooperation with the Committee on Higher Education and Synod's Board of Directors.

(NOTE. — St. John's College at Winfield has had general education and coeducation since its establishment. Fort Wayne was granted authority by the Synod of 1935 "to enter into an agreement with the congregations of Fort Wayne regarding the use of college property for high-school purposes," and in the fall of 1935 general education and coeducation were introduced in the high-school department. Seward has had limited coeducation for teacher-training only.)

2. Because this question is so large and complex and the implications and consequences are so far-reaching, we *recommend* that the proposed Board for Higher Education be requested to make an early and thoroughgoing study of this whole problem, gathering definite data on which Synod may wisely base its future action.

3. Because of the sacrifices made by our brethren who have purchased and maintained Valparaiso University as a Christian school to serve the youth of our Church, we *recommend* that the Board for Higher Education seek to establish and to maintain educational as well as amicable relationships with Valparaiso University, so that there be no needless duplication of effort within our own circles.

In considering this chapter of the report, Committee 1 considered also Overtures 109, p. 26, par. 2; 124, p. 50; 125, p. 52; 126, p. 53; 133, pp. 76, 77; 142, p. 83; 144, 146, p. 84; Board of Directors' report, p. 223, 1; Unprinted Memorials 50, 51, 52, 53.

Committee 1 recommended the adoption of the following recommendations:

1. Because of the growing demand, referred to above, we *recommend* that, *without additional net cost to Synod,* a further experiment in general higher education and coeducation be made at Bronxville, Oakland, and Austin. At these schools, additions may be made to the regular courses in order to satisfy the requirements of non-ministerial and non-teacher students, but with the distinct

* At River Forest general education is to be limited to the high-school and junior-college levels.

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4. (Overtures requesting General Higher Education and Coeducation, Portland, 112, p. 31; 143, p. 83; River Forest, 117, p. 41; Concordia, 140, 141, addendum p. 100; St. Paul, Unprinted Memorial 62.) Your Committee *recommends* that the requests of Portland, River Forest, St. Paul, and Concordia for general higher education and coeducation be postponed until the proposed Board for Higher Education has had an opportunity to study this matter on the basis of the proposed experiments and to report its findings to the next synodical convention;

5. That the request of Porto Alegre, submitted by Professor Rehfeldt, for permission to let girls attend classes because no other opportunities for higher education are given unless they be Catholic high schools, be referred to the Board of Directors with power to act.

Action of Synod: These five recommendations of Committee 1 were *adopted* by Synod. However, the Austin institution was eliminated in par. 1. In connection with par. 4 it was remarked that the present rules concerning non-ministerial students are to continue in force.

IV. Board for Higher Education

I. Your Committee recommends that Synod create a Board for Higher Education, because

1. The complete introduction and further development of the entire educational program inaugurated by the 1935 convention for our synodical institutions require the direction of a central agency;

2. The necessary coordination between the various preminis-

terial schools and the Seminary at St. Louis can best be achieved with the help and under the guidance of a central agency;

3. The educational problems confronting all our synodical institutions (*e. g.,* accreditation, general higher education, coeducation, library facilities, faculty competence) are becoming more complex;

4. Our synodical institutions desire a central agency which can assist them in solving their educational problems.

II. We furthermore recommend that

1. The Board for Higher Education shall be constituted of seven members, as follows: three pastors, one teacher or superintendent of schools, and three laymen. The President of Synod is an *ex-officio* member.

2. The Board for Higher Education shall be appointed by the President of Synod in consultation with the Vice-Presidents.

3. The term of office shall be six years, four members to be appointed in one triennium and three in the next.

4. The Board shall appoint a standing Advisory Committee, consisting of one representative from each faculty, to meet at the call of the Board. This committee shall study the curricular problems of our institutions and submit its findings and recommendations to the Board. The Board may also appoint special committees and technical advisers.

III. We furthermore recommend that the following regulations shall govern the Board during the next triennium:

1. The Board shall continue the supervision of the new curricula which have been adopted and are being put into operation in the high schools, junior colleges, teachers' colleges, and theological seminaries for the training of pastors and teachers. It shall also make provision for the further study of these curricula, and changes shall be made only under its direction and with its approval.

2. The Board shall supervise the enforcement of the Institutional Standards and Policies as adopted by the Committee on Higher Education and published in the reports of the curriculum committees (in 1937 and 1938). To this end it shall make surveys, advise local boards and faculties, make recommendations to the Board of Directors and to Synod regarding necessary expenditures in connection with putting the standards and policies into effect, and by all means in its power assist the institutions to reach and maintain these standards.

3. The Board shall also be available for service in an advisory capacity to the faculties and the boards of control as well as to the

officers and other boards of Synod in all matters pertaining to the general administration of the schools as well as in specific problems.

4. The Board shall keep itself informed on trends in modern education and shall make available to Synod and its institutions data and suggestions that make for improvement in our educational work, always keeping in mind the specific religious, spiritual, and professional ideals and objectives of our whole educational system.

5. In order to carry on its work in an effective manner, the Board shall be empowered to convene when and where and as often as it deems necessary, to engage professional and clerical help, to visit the institutions, and to require stated reports from heads of institutions, faculties, and boards of control.

6. The Board shall promote in every possible way the best interests of our educational institutions and the cause of higher education in our Church.

IV. We recommend that this newly created Board for Higher Education shall submit to Synod a revised set of regulations governing its functions, scope of work, and relation to synodical officers and other synodical boards and that the Board shall study the section of the *Synodical Handbook* dealing with higher education and submit the necessary revisions.

Action of Synod: Upon recommendation of Committee 1, pars. I, III, and IV of this report were *adopted,* also items 1 and 3 in par. II. Items 2 and 4 were adopted in the following form:

2. The Board for Higher Education shall be appointed by the President of Synod in consultation with the Vice-Presidents and with the approval of the College of Presidents. Vacancies shall also be filled in the same manner.

4. The Board shall appoint a standing advisory committee, consisting of one representative from each faculty *in the United States and Canada,* to meet at the call of the Board. The Board may also appoint special committees and technical advisers.

V. Miscellaneous Matters

In addition to the larger problems reported on above your Committee gave considerable thought to a large number of educational questions. Some of these grew out of the work of the Committee of Thirteen and were referred to us by Synod, others came to us from the curricular committees or the faculties, and still others originated within our committee. On some of these questions we could reach conclusions and are able to make recommendations herewith. Other questions we could not satisfactorily dispose of for lack of time. These we respectfully refer to the proposed

Board for Higher Education for more thoroughgoing study. Some of the following questions pertain to all our schools, while others pertain either to ministerial or to teacher-training.

1. *Libraries and Laboratories.* — With regard to libraries and laboratories your Committee *recommends* (1) That the former full grants to libraries and laboratories be restored, as listed on page 75 in the *Synodical Handbook* (1937 ed.); (2) that a thorough survey of the libraries (size and quality of book collections, equipment, administration, use by faculty and students, etc.) and laboratories be made by the proposed Board for Higher Education and that Synod's Board of Directors be empowered to make special grants, upon the request of the Board for Higher Education, to schools whose libraries and laboratories are found to be inadequate or deficient.

2. *Accreditation. — A. B. Degree at St. Louis.* — Together with Synod's Board of Directors your Committee sent a joint questionnaire to all our schools, gathering data relative to accreditation. We find that most of our schools have obtained accreditation of their high-school departments and some also for their junior-college work. We took no further steps in this matter, leaving that to our successors in office and the respective local boards. We did, however, look into the possibility of granting an A. B. after the second year in St. Louis. On the basis of what is offered in our courses we *recommend* that this degree be given and that our St. Louis faculty be encouraged to gain recognition for the degree with the agencies concerned.

3. *Comprehensive Examinations.* — Your Committee resolved that these be instituted at St. Louis and at completion of the courses at our junior colleges and teachers' colleges. Further details we must leave to our successors in office.

4. *Student Guidance and Personnel Work.* — The work and thinking of the Committee on Higher Education has forced it to the conclusion that in order to consolidate the advantages accruing from the revised curriculum and the resulting changes in the colleges and seminaries as well as in the teachers' colleges it is necessary to institute a reasonably comprehensive program of *personnel* work and student guidance. Your Committee has made only a beginning in this area, but it feels that a future board should place considerable emphasis on this phase of the program of higher education. It appears essential that at least the basic records of all institutions be alike. A thorough study of the whole problem of *personnel* work should precede the inauguration of the program. We believe that such records of basic information should be made available to authorized persons to the end that the transfer of students from the preparatory schools to the St. Louis Seminary be facilitated and

a more complete record be available for use in placement and transfer of pastors and teachers. Furthermore, such records and information would enable responsible persons to advise, lead, and guide students more wisely in their school careers. The Board's part in the program for *personnel* work might very well include the keeping of a set of records on available teaching *personnel* for the purpose of selecting and calling the best possible men into our schools as instructors and professors.

5. *Grants to Professors Taking Advanced Courses.* — After thoroughly looking into this question your Committee came to the conclusion that the present regulations are not altogether just. We therefore submit our findings in the form of a resolution which, we trust, will be adopted by Synod:

WHEREAS, Synod has resolved to raise the standard of our system of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Some professors desire to take university courses in order that they might become more efficient in their respective branches of instruction; and

WHEREAS, Synod allows newly called professors a year's study at a university and pays the tuition besides the professor's regular salary; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod grant the same or similar privileges to professors already in office at our institutions either during the scholastic year or at summer-schools; and be it further

Resolved, That such grants be made only upon recommendation of the Board for Higher Education.

6. *Transferring Professors.* (See *Proceedings 1935,* p. 40.) — Your Committee believes that conditions may arise to make the transfer of a professor from one institution to another highly desirable without going through the formality and consequent delay of nominating and calling anew. We therefore recommend that Synod instruct the Board for Higher Education to study this problem and submit suggestions to Synod at its next convention.

7. *Directors of Religious Education.* (See *Proceedings 1935,* p. 98.) Your Committee begs leave to submit the following report prepared by Committee C in the matter of Directors of Religious Education.

(1) *Functions.* — The phases of work variously required of so-called directors of religious education are one or more of the following: A) Teacher of a Christian day-school. B) Teacher or director of education in part-time agencies: 1. Sunday-school, 2. Saturday-school, 3. vacation Bible-school, 4. week-day religious instruction, 5. catechumen classes, 6. Bible classes, 7. summer-schools, 8. young people's societies, 9. adult education groups.

C) Administrative and supervisory activities in any or all of these agencies. D) Mission activities. E) Director of music, organist, and choirmaster (it is frequently difficult to combine the ministry of music with the wide range of duties often required of directors of religious education). F) Performance of secondary and supplementary functions.

(2) *Status.* — Upon careful investigation and consideration we have arrived at the conclusion that the term "Director of Religious (or Christian) Education" is covered in all essentials by the traditional term "teacher" as used in our circles as regards functions, status, position, and call. While your Committee does not encourage the use of the term "Directors of Religious Education," it sees no objection to its use provided it is understood as herein defined. Most of the functions required of directors of religious education could be performed also by men called as assistant pastors. These men should receive adequate training as offered in the teachers' colleges. A person occupying the position of director of religious education should rank as teacher or as assistant pastor, and therefore his call should obligate him and the congregation in like manner as the call of a teacher or of an assistant pastor. Such workers should be synodically trained and enjoy the same privileges in conferences as teachers or assistant pastors and be subject to the same obligations as these offices involve. Their names should be listed in the official roster of Synod.

(3) *Preparation of Directors of Religious Education.* — The stress and emphasis in the program of preparation should fall principally on a sound and solid basis in Bible and doctrine, a thorough background in psychology and methodology, and training in effective techniques in mission-work based upon a comprehensive understanding of the structure, nature, and problems of modern society in which the Church of today must perform its function and carry out its mission. A careful analysis reveals that the training program offered by the two teachers' colleges of Synod under the revised curriculum is adequate for specialization in the field of religious education in the local congregation. The teachers' colleges shall also provide opportunity for training in service through summer-schools, correspondence work, and extension courses, to the end that the Lutheran Church may ever more fully meet its divine commission.

8. *In-Service Training of Teachers.* — There is need for some specialized study and advanced work on the part of all who teach in our parish-schools, which includes not only regularly trained teachers, but teaching pastors and theological graduates and women not trained in our schools. Such study is necessary to meet both the ever-increasing requirements of State boards and of the changed

educational and social conditions in our own congregations. Our two teachers' colleges have been alive to this need and have been making provision to meet it. (See pages 120—122 in the *Manual* of the Committee on Curriculum for Teachers' Colleges.) Your Committee appreciates the work done hitherto at River Forest and Seward in their summer-schools and other special efforts, and we herewith *recommend* that Synod encourage these colleges to make further provision for the "in-service training" of those who teach in our schools.

9. *Public Speaking — Speech-Training.* — The importance of the correct use of the voice by preachers and teachers can scarcely be overestimated. Voice culture and speech-training should therefore have a place in our curriculum, but not in the style of modern courses in elocution. Until more adequate measures can be adopted, we *recommend:* (1) that at every junior college, the Springfield Seminary, and the two teachers' colleges a member of the faculty be appointed who is best qualified to be in charge of voice- and speech-training; (2) that every instructor should make it a matter of concern to help students in improving their speech; (3) that the refining process in speech-training be continued in the first-year homiletics course at the theological seminaries.

10. *Physical Education.* — The physical health of our students is another matter of great importance, involving as it does grave consequences for the later life of service. Your Committee gave considerable thought to the status and the pay of the directors of physical education in our schools. Several boards of control having indicated that they will petition Synod for a special grant to pay the whole or part of the salary of the Director of Physical Education, we herewith *recommend* that Synod make an allowance not to exceed six hundred dollars ($600) per annum for instruction in physical education (which means either salary or equipment), such grants to be made to the schools only upon recommendation of the proposed Board for Higher Education.

11. *Courses in Shorthand and Typewriting.* (See *Proceedings 1935,* p. 48.) — Since the student load in regular courses is already rather heavy, the curricular committees could find no room for a required course in shorthand and typewriting. Committee A therefore recommends that as heretofore student groups voluntarily organize for extracurricular practise in those skills that may prove very helpful.

12. *Tuition.* — The whole problem of institutional financing, more particularly regarding tuition-fees for all classes of students, was studied in two papers that were discussed in a joint session of Committees A, B, and C. Your Committee is not convinced that

the present set-up is satisfactory and just to all concerned. However, the problem is a large one, requiring more time than we could give to it. We therefore respectfully suggest that the new Board for Higher Education make an early study of this whole question and submit recommendations to the next convention of Synod.

On these 12 items *Committee 1* brought in the following *recommendations:*

1. (Cf. also report of Board of Directors, p. 224, 2.) Your Committee recommends that Recommendation 1 be referred to the Fiscal Conference to allow if finances warrant it; that Recommendation 2 be adopted.

2. (Cf. also report of Board of Directors, p. 223, 2.) Your Committee recommends adoption.

3. Your Committee recommends that this point be adopted and referred to the Board for Higher Education.

4. Your Committee recommends that this matter be turned over to the Board for Higher Education for execution.

5. Concerning "grants to professors taking advanced courses" your Committee has studied the report of the Committee on Higher Education, Point 5, and also Overture 148, pp. 86 and 88, and recommends the adoption of the following recommendation to take the place of the recommendation made by the Committee on Higher Education:

WHEREAS, Synod has resolved to raise the system of higher education; and

WHEREAS, To meet the requirements of this synodical standard, it may become necessary for some professors to take advanced courses at a recognized college or university; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod's resolution passed in 1935, that newly called professors be allowed a year's study at a university be amended to the effect that also professors in office may be included; however, that this rule apply only in the most urgent cases and that ordinarily grants in aid be made for shorter terms than a year and for part-time study; and be it further

Resolved, That such aid must in each case be approved by the local Board of Control, the Board for Higher Education, and the Board of Directors; and be it further

Resolved, That the program of studies for which aid is to be granted shall be subject to the approval of the Board for Higher Education.

Overture 148, p. 86, Subject B, explained in Point 6 on pages 87 and 88: Your Committee holds that this point is included in the

recommendation made on page 66, IV. The Board for Higher Education is to study also this question.

6. Your Committee recommends the adoption of this paragraph. We furthermore recommend that Synod instruct the Board for Higher Education:

1) To study the question and make recommendations to Synod in regard to a graduated, orderly plan for retirement of professors;

2) To make recommendations to Synod for the improvement of Synod's present plan for the removal from office of incompetent or incapacitated professors;

3) To study the need and advisability of Synod's differentiating between several kinds of teachers at its institutions, such as instructors, assistant professors, and professors, and to define and clarify the status of each.

7. Your Committee recommends that this paragraph be *received* and the office of Director of Religious Education be further studied on the basis of this report by the Board for Higher Education.

8. Your Committee recommends adoption of this paragraph, the recommendation to read: "We herewith recommend that Synod encourage these colleges to make further provision for the 'in-service training' of those who teach in our schools, *since this involves no additional expenditures to Synod.*"

9. Your Committee recommends the adoption of this threefold recommendation, with the amendment that Point 3 read as follows: "That the refining process in speech-training be continued at the theological seminaries" ("in the first-year homiletics course" to be stricken).

10. Your Committee recommends that this recommendation be adopted after the elimination of the final clause: "such grants to be made to the schools only upon recommendation of the proposed Board for Higher Education."

Your Committee holds that this resolution disposes also of Overture 130, p. 57.

11. Your Committee recommends adoption of this recommendation.

12. Your Committee recommends that this point be adopted. This answers also Overture 127, p. 55, and Unprinted Memorial 56.

Action of Synod: This report of Committee 1 with its recommendations was *adopted* by Synod.

It was also *resolved* that the present Committee on Higher Education continue in office and be empowered to function until the new Board for Higher Education is ready to take over the work.

B. Action Regarding Individual Institutions

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.

(Memorial 101)

During the last triennium the enrolment at Concordia Seminary has continued to remain at its high figure, filling the buildings to capacity, even though the arrangement was continued that the class completing its second year interrupted its studies at the Seminary for one year. The enrolment during the past three years was as follows:

Year	*Enrolled*	*Present*	*Absent*
1935—36	595	429	166
1936—37	561	380	181
1937—38	579	414	165

During the past three years almost all candidates and middlers have served temporarily as supplies in congregations and mission-fields.

The faculty has had a number of changes. The vacancy which was created through the death of Dr. F. Pieper was filled by Prof. A. Rehwinkel. On March 23, 1937, Prof. R. W. Heintze, librarian, was graciously delivered from his affliction and entered into the Church Triumphant. The Board recommends that Synod recognize the long-continued services rendered by this member of the faculty, who served Synod both at Concordia College, Bronxville, and Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Upon the death of Professor Heintze the library was reorganized and a library director chosen from the faculty in the person of Dr. P. E. Kretzmann, who supervises and directs the affairs of the library with the assistance of the necessary secretaries. For this reason no librarian was called at the time of the death of Professor Heintze. However, Prof. F. E. Mayer was added to the faculty to teach practical and systematic theology, and he entered upon his work in September, 1937.

At the request of the Board of Directors of Synod Dr. J. H. C. Fritz was granted a leave of absence for the second semester, from February 1 to June, 1938, to visit the Lutheran brethren in Australia, who likewise are observing their centennial.

At the present time all the members of the faculty are assuming their full duties and responsibilities both in their classes and in their editorial work. During the last triennium Dr. M. S. Sommer and Prof. Theo. Laetsch were incapacitated for some time, but by the grace of God are fully restored to health, for which we are very thankful.

On December 3, 1937, Mr. Eugene Harms, member of the Board of Control for fourteen years, died suddenly on his return to St. Louis from Dallas, Tex. Mr. Harms served as treasurer of the

Seminary Board of Control and gave much of his time to the Seminary in this capacity. We believe that Synod should recognize likewise the faithful services rendered by this departed member of the Board. Mr. Emil Hartmann was chosen as treasurer in place of Mr. Harms, and Mr. Richard Waltke was elected by the Board of Control to succeed Mr. Harms.

During the past triennium Dr. P. E. Kretzmann continued the Correspondence Course. The enrolment was 150. During the last year 229 reports were received, comprising 3,529 pages. The intention is to continue the work as in the past, however, to endeavor to coordinate this Correspondence Course with the Summer-school and its Extension Division.

The postgraduate course was not conducted during the past triennium owing to the fact that the enrolment was so large that the entire energy and time of the faculty were taken up with the regular work.

The Summer-school and the Pastors' Institute, which the Cleveland Convention directed the faculty to conduct, was undertaken only one year owing to the fact that the enrolment was not sufficiently large to warrant the continuation of the school and the institute. However, efforts are being made to have a Summer-school and Pastors' Institute this year, beginning with July 4.

The student-body enjoyed excellent health during the past three years. Four students, however, died during the past triennium: A. Fenske, December 24, 1935; Andreas Cihaj, May 16, 1937; H. W. Jenkins, August 17, 1937; E. F. Rindt, November 22, 1937. The Christian and Lutheran character of the institution has likewise been preserved. However, the student-body time and again asked for a gymnasium, and efforts have been made on the part of the student-body to collect funds among themselves and their immediate friends and relatives to create a building fund for a gymnasium. Each student has pledged to contribute annually a certain amount to this fund. By this method it will take many years before a gymnasium can be built, and the Board of Control therefore asks Synod to find means and ways to erect a gymnasium, so that the student-body will have an opportunity to exercise under supervision and with regularity.

The buildings of the Seminary have been kept in first-class condition throughout these three years. Much of the redecorating, painting, repairs, etc., has been paid for by funds that were available without our asking Synod to take care of these expenses.

During the past three years KFUO has continued to broadcast daily. However, the station has been put under a tremendous strain and expense owing to the fact that KSD, the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, attempted to take the present wave-length from KFUO

in order that KSD might have full time on said wave-length. The Federal Communications Commission at Washington, D. C., has heard the case and rendered its decision, from which KFUO has made an appeal. The full report, by Mr. John A. Wegner, secretary of the KFUO committee, will be found in Section VIII.

The Board of Control held regular meetings every month and likewise had a number of meetings with the faculty. Besides these meetings smaller committees, such as the House, the Education, and the Radio committees, often met more than once a month to discuss the problems before them.

Requests

The Board of Control petitions Synod to instruct the Board of Directors to pay to the library the appropriation of $10,000 allowed at the thirty-third convention of 1926 and the $5,000 voted at the thirty-fourth convention of 1929. The Pritzlaff Library of the largest Lutheran seminary in the world should be a depository for Lutheriana of every kind, so that everything and anything pertaining to the great Reformer and his coworkers as well as all the material which has accumulated with reference to the Lutheran Church in the past four centuries may be brought together in our library for use of faculty members, students, and research workers. Regularly requests for such material are made. In addition, various movements in the Church of today make it necessary to build up the library along other lines. The Department of Liturgics has very little research material. In the field of Christian Social Service the number of new publications has been growing rapidly, and it is essential that the library have enough material on hand to meet the needs in this field.

Furthermore, our library should have a number of copies of certain books for collateral reading to direct the self-activity of the students.

Finally, failure, for years, to take care of the books in the library necessitates the rebinding of from 500 to 1,000 books. Many periodicals of lasting value should likewise be bound. The present form of bundling them is very unsatisfactory. Then the cataloguing of the Seminary library must be brought up to date and kept there. Since the library has been undermanned, about 7,000 books and 10,000 pamphlets are not catalogued. Even the old catalog has not been brought up to date. For these reasons the Board of Control urgently petitions the Delegate Synod to make arrangements that these appropriations be paid to the library.

Since the fourth year is to be introduced at the Seminary in September, 1938, it may become necessary during the next triennium to erect a new dormitory and another dining-room. At the present time it is not possible to state whether this will be necessary. However, it will be too late to make an appropriation at the next convention. For this reason the Board of Control asks that Synod make some arrangement whereby the Board of Directors will be given power to put up the buildings necessary to house all the students attending the Seminary.

Praying the Lord that He may continue to bless our Seminary with His divine presence and preserve in this school of prophets His Word in its truth and purity, we remain,

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF CONCORDIA SEMINARY
ALFRED DOERFFLER, *Secretary*

Recommendations of Committee 1:

1. "The Board of Control asks Synod to find means and ways to erect a gymnasium."

Your Committee recommends that this request be declined, though it is fully realized how greatly a gymnasium is needed for the physical care of the students.

2. Request for library. (Unprinted Memorial 61.)

Your Committee recommends that the convention urge the Fiscal Conference, if at all possible, to make provision for the St. Louis library to meet requirements.

3. Dormitory and dining-room.

Your Committee recommends that the request for authorizing the Board of Directors to put up a new dormitory and dining-room be declined.

Action of Synod: These recommendations of Committee 1 were *adopted* by Synod.

There were several overtures (No. 134 and Unprinted Memorial 58) which asked for a *reconsideration of the fourth year at the St. Louis Seminary.*

Action of Synod: Upon recommendation of Committee 1 these overtures were *declined,* which also disposed of Memorial 133, IV, page 78.

Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

(Memorial 102)

The Board of Control of the theological seminary at Springfield, Ill., herewith submits the following report and statement of needs and requirements.

Ninetieth Anniversary. — In 1936 we were permitted to celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the Springfield Seminary and the eighty-ninth year of its official connection with our Synod. It may not be generally known that the so-called Prac-

tical Seminary was deeded to Synod in the first year of Synod's organization and thus became, officially at least, Synod's first institution for the education and training of its future pastors.

Graduates and friends in large numbers gathered on the campus June 7 for the celebration. Services were held in the morning and in the afternoon, with Drs. Behnken and Lankenau preaching the anniversary sermons. Dr. L. Fuerbringer personally conveyed the greetings and congratulations of the sister seminary in St. Louis.

The celebration also afforded an opportunity to commemorate in a fitting manner forty-five years of service as a member of the Board of Control on the part of Mr. Fred Van Horn, Commissioner of the city of Springfield, and also served to introduce the newly elected president of the institution, Dr. H. B. Hemmeter.

While the hand which graciously reached over to these shores from Bavaria toward the close of the first half of the last century soon was withdrawn because of doctrinal differences, the seed which it dropped has by the grace of God constantly and continuously borne blessed fruit these many years, and we pray that under God's blessing it may continue to bear fruit for many more years to come.

Faculty. — Changes have again taken place in our faculty. Shortly after the Cleveland Convention the Board of Directors granted permission to fill one of the existing vacancies. The Electoral College chose Prof. W. A. Baepler of the Edmonton Concordia, and when the call was extended to him by the Board of Control, Professor Baepler accepted. While preparations were being made for the new professor's transfer to Springfield, we were saddened by the sudden translation of Director and Mrs. Klein, who were fatally injured in an auto accident during the Christmas holidays.

It became necessary to call a successor to the sainted Director, and eventually the choice of the Electoral College fell on Dr. H. B. Hemmeter, who assumed the duties of the presidency in the summer of 1936.

In the interim Prof. R. Neitzel served as acting director, and the teaching of most of the subjects which had been in the hands of Director Klein was temporarily assigned to Professor Baepler.

In the summer of 1937 Prof. F. Mayer accepted the call extended to him by the St. Louis Seminary. In order to carry on during the vacancy thus created, a temporary rearrangement of courses was made, and with the assistance of the Rev. George Klein of Chatham, Ill., in the Academy Department we were enabled to operate successfully until the Rev. C. W. Spiegel of Cleveland arrived to fill the vacancy. No residence is available on the campus, and Professor Spiegel must live in a rented house at some distance from the seminary.

Graduate F. Zucker is serving at present as assistant instructor.

We have come to take the manifold duties of our faculties and synodical workers with a matter of fact complacency; but your Board believes that a word of gratitude and praise for the cheerful manner in which the additional burdens were assumed during this triennium by the members of our faculty is well in place.

Student-Body. — In general, conditions of health have offered no serious problems, and the maturity of the students has made it possible to enforce the necessary discipline without difficulty.

The enrolment during the past triennium was as follows:

1935-36:	Missouri Synod	109	*Total,* 131
	Wisconsin Synod	15	
	Finnish Synod	4	
	Slovak Synod	3	
1936-37:	Missouri Synod	95	*Total,* 115
	Wisconsin Synod	12	
	Finnish Synod	3	
	Slovak Synod	5	
1937-38:	Missouri Synod	98	*Total,* 116
	Wisconsin Synod	10	
	Finnish Synod	3	
	Slovak Synod	5	

Graduates: 1936, 20; 1937, 20; 1938, 15

Students were enrolled from the United States, Canada, Germany, Hungary, Philippine Islands, and Brazil. Besides English and German the following nationalities were represented: Italian, Polish, Danish, Swedish, Russian, Finnish, Slovak, Mexican, Indian, and Filipino.

Board of Control. — Changes took place also in the membership of the Board of Control. Shortly after the Cleveland Convention Rev. W. E. Hohenstein relinquished the Presidency of the Central Illinois District and was succeeded by Rev. J. C. Schuelke of Peoria, who assumed the chairmanship of the Board. Mr. George Streckfuss, who had served the Board for a number of years as treasurer, resigned his office, and Mr. John Rodenburg was appointed to succeed him. Two other members, Messrs. O. H. Droste and E. W. Schulze, were added to the Board.

Regular monthly and special meetings, whenever required, were held, and the affairs of the institution were conducted in the manner demanded by the interests of Synod and the welfare of the institution. As they became necessary, repairs and improvements were made. Our long-established practise of employing student labor and the fact that our maturer group offers us a selection of "handy men" made it possible to make many repairs at a minimum of expense to Synod.

With the consent of the Board of Directors funds were solicited from alumni and friends of the institution in the Central Illinois and

the two Iowa Districts to remodel the Old Building No. 1 into a gymnasium. The required amount has not yet been reached.

Requests. — It has been the constant aim of the Board, in conjunction with the faculty, not only to keep academic standards on a high level, but wherever possible to anticipate future needs and to make provision for them. In line with this practise your Board in 1932 petitioned Synod to add a fourth class to the three-year preparatory course. The reasons underlying the request of *six* years ago not only still obtain, but the passing years have brought added problems which all the more insistently demand this additional year. The progressive improvement in the curriculum has naturally increased the teaching load, so much so that the Curriculum Committee (created by Synod to supervise such matters) has been demanding a reduction. Yet the fact that practically all the students now applying for admission lack the necessary background in German, are deficient in religious instruction and in Latin, will require more class periods.

By the introduction of a fourth academy class it would be possible to transfer a number of courses from the Seminary to the Fourth Academy and thus lighten the burden of the present Seminary load. Moreover, it would be possible to arrange a systematic course in German, religious instruction, Latin, and other branches, which would not only divide the work so as to ease the class load but also promise more satisfactory results.

The need of this additional year is so acutely felt that, if Synod cannot see its way clear to fill the still existing vacancy in the faculty at this time, we would be ready to operate with the present teaching force by combining classes in order to fit the outlined course into the general program.

Two. — As demanded by Synod, the Board has tried, to the best of its ability, to keep all buildings in good condition and well equipped and to provide such things as may be needed from time to time. In line with this latter point the Board has repeatedly petitioned Synod for an Administration Building. As long as twelve years ago Synod voted an Administration Building for Springfield; but again and again circumstances have arisen which interfered with the erection of the building.

Confident that Synod will appreciate the patience and cheerful willingness with which Board and faculty have struggled along under the handicap and added burden of this lack of proper facilities, and with the assurance that it will again consent to give us what it several times in the past twelve years was willing to grant, we come before your Hon. Body with a request for $225,000 for the erection and furnishing of an Administration Building.

If in 1926 Synod recognized the need of an Administration Building at Springfield, it should not prove difficult for it to realize the still greater need after twelve years have come and gone.

In conclusion, permit us to emphasize once more that we are bringing to your attention again only such requests as previous conventions have considered and, in the case of the Administration Building, have readily and repeatedly granted.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF CONTROL
CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.
B. SELCKE, *Secretary*

Report of Committee 1:

1. The request for a gymnasium was withdrawn by the Board of Control.

2. New Administration Building. The Board of Control of Springfield having changed its request for a new Administration Building to the effect "that the so-called Old New Building be rehabilitated" for purposes of administration, your Committee recommends that a sum not to exceed $30,000 be appropriated for this purpose.

3. Fourth class. Your Committee recommends that the request "to add a fourth class to the three-year preparatory course" be granted.

Action of Synod: This report of Committee 1 with its recommendations was *adopted.*

Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill.

(Memorial 103)

The Board of Control of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Ill., respectfully submits to Synod its report for the period of 1935 to 1938.

Board of Control

The Board of Control, in its regular monthly meetings, gave attention to campus, buildings, and equipment and, together with the faculty, to the development of all matters that would help the institution to give greater service to the cause of Christian education in our Church.

Faculty

On September 25, 1937, the twenty-fifth anniversary of Prof. M. Lochner as professor at Concordia Teachers College and the anniversary of Prof. A. Diesing, who was in office twenty-five years, were celebrated by faculty, board, students, and friends.

On October 3, 1937, the institution, together with the pastors and teachers of the Northern Illinois District and a large number of synodical representatives, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of

President W. C. Kohn, D. D. For twenty-four of the fifty years Dr. Kohn has been president of our institution.

Although the third college year was introduced during this triennium, there has been no increase in the regularly called teaching staff; on the contrary, our faculty still numbers one member less than it did three years ago. The vacancy caused by the death of Prof. G. C. A. Kaeppel was filled by the calling of Dr. Otto J. Beyers in July, 1936; but in July, 1937, Dr. Beyers resigned. With the opening of the new school-year in September, 1938, the vacancy will be filled by Prof. W. F. Kruse, who has accepted our call.

During the past three years we were repeatedly obliged to engage temporary assistance on account of the illness of several of the professors and because of divided classes. All our professors are active again; however, two of our men are over seventy years of age, and four others are over sixty-five. Several of these men must no longer be permitted to carry a full load. The result will be that we must continue to engage qualified assistants.

Before concluding our report on our faculty, we wish to call attention again to the fact that four of the men in the faculty of River Forest are needed exclusively for music and one for the training-school. If one subtracts this number from the total and considers that River Forest is conducting four years of high school and three years of college, a summer-school, and various extension courses and that several of our men are called upon to do special work for Synod, one can understand that assistants must be engaged also in the future if the work is to be done and the men are not eventually to break down under the load of work resting on their shoulders.

Students

The enrolment at our school has been the following: 1935—36, 287; 1936—37, 291; 1937—38, 285. Though at the present time still more than 50 of our graduates have only a temporary call, yet they are all teaching at an organized school, which under normal conditions would have a called teacher; and each year for the past several years, dozens of congregations that are in need of a teacher could not be supplied, because of a lack of candidates. Systematic, earnest efforts need be made to send us more students.

Work of the Institution

In addition to the main work during the school-year the institution conducts during the summer vacation a summer-school for teachers, a Sunday-school Teachers' Training-institute, a Choirmasters' Institute, and a number of *seminars*. Attendance: summer of 1935, 147; summer of 1936, 264; summer of 1937, 211.

During the past two school-years a Saturday-school was conducted from October to May, offering extension courses to teachers in the neighborhood. Attendance in 1936, 26; in 1937, 34.

In accord with a synodical resolution passed in 1935, a correspondence school has been begun. Lack of man-power and funds has held back the development of this important phase of teacher-training.

Besides the above two synodical Districts regularly hold their conventions at our Concordia, and both during the school-year and during the vacation periods numerous synodical committees and conferences hold their meetings at River Forest.

Our Board of Control wishes to express its deep appreciation to the faculty of Concordia Teachers College for promoting, and taking care of, this large amount of additional work so faithfully and efficiently in the interest of Christian education and teacher-training.

Education Festival

In the interest of promoting Lutheran elementary education in the Northern Illinois District our faculty cooperated with the District Board of Christian Education to sponsor an Education Festival. Thousands of children as well as thousands of adults were gathered on our campus to praise God for our Lutheran schools, to learn anew the benefits derived from this blessed institution, to encourage one another to greater interest and appreciation of its work, and to view a display of the products of these schools.

Accreditation

The high-school department of Concordia Teachers College is accredited by the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Illinois, the University of Illinois, and the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. The high-school department thus has complete accreditation.

The college department is accredited by the Department of Public Instruction of the State of Illinois; the University of Illinois allows credit for the junior-college work and in cases of students with a superior record also for the third year of work. Northwestern University and Chicago University allow a similar credit. The college department lacks accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Only if a fourth year is added, can complete accreditation be attained.

Since public authorities more and more generally are requiring that any one who teaches in an elementary school, either public or private, must have gotten his training at an accredited school, the accreditation of our Concordia at River Forest is of vital importance to our teachers and the continuance of our parochial schools.

Our Board of Control can testify that the accrediting agencies have not in a single case recommended anything that might have been to the detriment of our institution or required the elimination of any courses; on the contrary, the efforts toward accreditation have been entirely of benefit to our Concordia.

We want to call attention, however, to the need of full accreditation of the college department by the North Central Association and to the memorial in regard to the elective fourth year and to full accreditation.

Requests

Library. — For five years Synod has paid nothing to our institution for the up-keep and development of our students' library. It is absolutely essential for the effective instruction of the students that they make use of a good library. We earnestly plead therefore that beginning with 1938 Synod again pay the annual appropriation of $500 and that during the next three years the $2,500 which had to be withheld from 1933 to 1937 be made available.

Laboratory. — We are urgently in need of $3,500 for arranging and equipping a biology and a psychology laboratory and ask that Synod kindly make this amount available in the course of the next three years.

We are grateful that beginning with 1938 part of the annual appropriation for laboratory equipment will again be paid. We hope that Synod will soon find it possible to pay the full amount again.

Correspondence Work. — For the development of courses and the preparation of materials for correspondence work voted by the Cleveland Convention it will be necessary for Synod to secure the part-time services of one man for approximately three years. In addition an appropriation of about $300 a year will be needed for the next three years for secretarial help and to cover other necessary expenditures in connection with the preparation of these correspondence courses. After three years the correspondence school ought to be self-supporting.

Acknowledgments

We wish to extend sincere thanks to the Lutheran Laymen's League for the annual scholarship of $125 and to the Northern Illinois Walther League for its annual appropriation to our indigent students' fund, to the congregations of the Northern Illinois and the Michigan District for their donations to the Commissary Fund.

Special thanks are due the members of the C. T. C. Ladies' Auxiliary and the Concordia Men's Club for their faithful and generous support.

Finally we wish to express our thanks to a fellow-member of our Board, Mr. Wm. Schlake, who through his generous gifts has helped to make possible the payment of tuition for those of our professors who are doing extension work.

Memorials

Concordia Teachers College at River Forest is anxious to serve ever better Christian education of our children and the training of teachers in our Church. To that end we propose a number of important changes covered in three memorials, and we earnestly hope that Synod will adopt these proposals for the furtherance of the work of the Kingdom.

Conclusion

In concluding our report, we wish to plead with every member of our beloved Church to give earnest attention to the Christian education of our youth, to make every effort to help enroll a larger number of devoted Christian students at River Forest, and to include Concordia, its students, its faculty, and its board in his daily prayers.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF CONCORDIA TEACHERS COLLEGE,
RIVER FOREST, ILL.

ERNEST T. LAMS, *Chairman* A. W. BARTLING, *Secretary*

Recommendations of Committee 1:

1. Library. Your Committee recommends that the library and laboratory needs of this and all other institutions be referred to the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference to make the necessary appropriations.

2. Correspondence courses. (Cf. also Overture 139, p. 82.) Your Committee recommends that the River Forest Teachers' College be urged to start a correspondence school as soon as feasible.

Action of Synod: These recommendations of Committee 1 were *adopted.*

As to the *fourth year at the River Forest Teachers' College,* as advocated in this report and in Memorials 118, 122, 135, and 136, *Committee 1 recommended:*

1) That *River Forest* be permitted to institute a fourth year;

2) That one additional professorship be allowed for this most necessary extension, *effective 1939.*

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

As to the *training of women teachers at River Forest,* the Faculty and Board of Control had petitioned Synod:

1. To permit River Forest to enroll women and girls for teacher-training up to thirty per cent. of its male enrolment.

2. To allow a sum ranging from sixty to one hundred dollars a month for the appointment of a qualified adviser to women and to authorize the Board of Control to make this appointment. (The exact amount to be determined from time to time by the Board of Control with the approval of Synod's Board of Directors.)

3. To permit the faculties of Seward and River Forest to publish a joint certified list of woman teachers qualified to engage in work in religious education of the local church.

Committee 1 recommended:

1. That Point 1 be adopted;

2. That Point 2 be referred to the Board of Directors to allow the request if found necessary;

3. That Point 3 be referred to the College of Presidents to make necessary arrangements.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

Amalgamating Valparaiso University with the River Forest Seminary

(Memorial 137)

Be it resolved, That the President of Synod appoint a commission which shall, in conjunction with such boards and committees as he may designate, study the feasibility of amalgamating the present Valparaiso University with the Teachers' Seminary at River Forest, preserving the function of the latter as a teachers' college and making possible the wider usefulness and continued security of the former; and that this commission shall periodically report to Synod's agency for the administration of higher education as well as to the Board of Directors and present complete proposals to the convention of 1941.

THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL CONFERENCE
PAUL H. F. LIST, *Secretary*

Action of Synod: Upon recommendation of Committee 1 this overture was *adopted.*

Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr.

(Memorial 104)

Your Board of Control for Concordia Teachers College at Seward, Nebr., according to Synod's regulations, herewith presents its triennial report.

The health condition of our students and the spirit shown by them, generally speaking, has been very good, for which we owe thanks to the grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Pursuant to Synod's resolution at Cleveland, O., a third year has been added to our college department.

The enrolment during the present triennium was as follows:

	High School			College Department			
	Boys	Girls	Totals	Male	Ladies	Totals	Total Students
1935–36	51	15	66	40	28	68	134
1936–37	45	17	62	60	35	95	157
1937–38	46	19	65	48	31	79	144

The result of the small enrolment on account of the drought in the territory of our institution may be a scarcity of teachers in the coming years, which a larger enrolment in the future will help to overcome.

Since our last report it has pleased the Lord of His Church to call unto His rest the soul of one of our professors, Dr. J. T. Link. He departed, trusting in his Lord and Savior, on December 19, 1936. The death of this gifted, tireless, humble Christian servant of the Lord was a great loss to our college and the Synod.

In the same year Prof. Karl Haase suffered a severe attack of sickness, which brought him so near to death's door that all hopes for his recovery had been abandoned. Yet the Lord heard our prayers and not only spared his life, but gave him health and strength, enabling him to return to his work. But the Lord asked another sacrifice from him. He, through death, called away from his side his helpmate, Mrs. Anna Haase, *née* Meyer, whose condition had made an operation necessary.

Since the vacancy in the faculty caused by Prof. August Schuelke's death had not been filled on account of the depression, the passing away of Dr. Link made it necessary that a call for candidates be issued for the purpose of filling one of the vacancies before the beginning of the new school-year. For the second semester the remaining members of the faculty together with an assistant teacher took care of the work of the departed members.

The newly elected professor, Dr. Walter H. Beck of Immanuel College, Greensboro, N. C., accepted the call and was inducted into his office in a service held in St. John's Church at the beginning of the present school-year.

Miss Marga Link, assistant music teacher, resigned and was succeeded by Miss Esther Schwermann. The assistant teacher Ralph Schuessler was also retained, with the consent of the Board of Directors, for the present school-year.

Prof. Wilfred F. Kruse accepted a call to Concordia Teachers College at River Forest, Ill., but will remain at Seward until the end of the present school-year. Thus again two vacancies in the faculty must be filled, especially since another member, on account of his age, is not expected to carry a full load of the work.

With the consent of the Board of Directors a call for candidates has been published, and candidates have been nominated for the election of a professor who is to teach in the field of biological sciences. An assistant teacher will be sought to teach in the fields of natural sciences and mathematics.

We can testify that in the cases of emergency the members of our faculty proved their faithfulness and their Christian willingness to serve the best interests of the student-body and the Church by rearranging the schedule and adding to their teaching load. The relationship between the members of the faculty and the students was, generally speaking, very satisfactory and helpful and the attitude of the students to their teachers respectful.

The Board of Control has endeavored to discharge its duties to the best of its knowledge and ability. Regular monthly and also extra meetings were held for that purpose. A number of changes in the membership have taken place. Mr. Fred A. Koltermann took the place of Mr. Robert Buchholz, who had resigned. In 1936 the Southern Nebraska District elected Rev. Albert J. C. Moeller President, who thereby became *ex-officio* member of the Board of Control in place of Rev. H. E. Meyer. Rev. Moeller, living at Grand Island, Nebr., appointed the First Vice-President of the District, Rev. I. C. Heinicke of Seward, Nebr., his representative, who was then elected chairman by the Board. When Rev. Moeller accepted the call to the presidency of St. Paul's College at Concordia, Mo., Rev. Heinicke became Acting President of the District and of the Board of Control.

Our commissary department had some very anxious moments in the past triennium on account of the drought in our State, in consequence of which crops were diminished and destroyed, which cut short the income of our treasury and the contributions of victuals by our fellow-Christians in our congregations. All the more we are indebted to the ladies' aids and to individuals of our churches, who gave us even of their own scanty supply. May the Lord be their great reward!

Requests

1. Since the public authorities are continually making higher demands upon our Christian day-school teachers before they will accredit them and our graduates, under the present arrangement of our college department with only a three-year course, would be obliged to earn the lacking credits at a State school to gain the certificate permitting them to teach in Nebraska and other States, it is not only desirable that a fourth year be added to our college department, but is actually necessary. Thereby not only the future graduates would receive their necessary credits from our college,

but our summer-school, too, could give credits that would be acknowledged.

2. Our second request pertains to our library, the combining and housing of the two libraries we have. For the benefit of the school our two libraries, now housed in two different buildings, should be brought together in a place that offers the necessary space and convenience, and the reading-room should be given the necessary equipment for properly placing the books. This can be done by reconstructing the northern portion of the well-built basement in our new Administration Building. Thus all the books could be made available for the students, the necessary space for the work in the reading-room would be supplied, and the space now occupied by part of the library in the Science Building, which because of this has been cramped for space, would become available for the use of laboratory work.

We are convinced that the increased educational advantages more than justify the expenses caused by the change. Experience at other institutions has shown that such an arrangement is very practical. Our faculty unanimously recommends it.

The architect estimates the reconstruction of the basement for library purposes at about $2,000. And for the shelving equipment, for tables, chairs, etc., we ask Synod to grant us $2,500. Total, $4,500.

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF CONCORDIA TEACHERS COLLEGE
SEWARD, NEBR.
C. H. BECKER, *Secretary*

Report of Committee 1:

1. Your Committee recommends that the plan of combining and housing the two libraries as indicated in the report be carried out at a revised expense figure of $3,189.62.

2. The request for a professor's residence has been referred to the Board of Directors according to a resolution of Synod which authorizes the Board to act on such requests.

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

An unprinted memorial (No. 44) by the Seward Board of Control asked for a restoration of allowances to *relieve the commissary department.*

Action of Synod: Upon recommendation of Committee 1 this matter was postponed because of the still stringent situation of Synod's finances.

As to adding a *fourth year at Seward,* as requested in the report of the Board of Control and in Memorials 121, 122, and 138, Committee 1 recommended that Concordia Teachers College, Seward, Nebr., be extended to a four-year degree-granting college.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.

(Memorial 105)

Complying with Synod's regulations, the Board of Control of Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind., with deep gratitude to God, who has again abundantly blessed our institution, herewith respectfully submits to the Hon. Synod the following report, together with a statement of some of the needs and requirements of our institution.

Board of Control

In addition to its regular monthly meetings the Board of Control held many special sessions during the past triennium to administer the affairs of the institution according to the rules and regulations laid down by Synod.

The vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Henry Moellering, who had been a faithful member of the Board for many years, was filled by Mr. Otto Scheimann.

Faculty

The members of the faculty worked together in perfect harmony, diligently applying themselves to their arduous duties and exercising an ever watchful care over the students entrusted to them.

Two faithful members of the faculty, Prof. Martin Stoeppelwerth, who resigned from office September 1, 1936, and Director William C. Burhop, who accepted a call into the ministry February 1, 1937, were succeeded by Prof. Herbert Bredemeier and Director Ottomar Krueger, respectively, two consecrated and highly efficient men.

Student-Body

Disciplined by the Word of God, the students, in general, in their conduct maintained the standard of true Christians.

The health condition among the students was very good.

Enrolment: 1935—1936, 300; 1936—1937, 298; 1937—1938, 304

Coeducation in High School Department

Coeducation in the high-school department, sanctioned by Synod at its convention in Cleveland three years ago, works out very satisfactorily in every respect. It in no way interferes with the paramount purpose of our institution, namely, the preparation of young men for the public ministry of the Word and proves a real blessing to many boys and girls seeking a Christian higher education.

All expenses to establish this department were borne by the congregations of Fort Wayne and vicinity, which also meet the cost of maintaining this arrangement. To be more specific, said congregations, without reducing their contributions toward Synod and missions, have furnished the sum of $8,205 to recondition, alter, and equip Hanser Hall for high-school purposes, thereby greatly enhancing the value of this building, and are paying all running expenses not covered by the tuition charged non-ministerial students in the high-school department. This means that Synod is being put to no expense by this arrangement.

Non-ministerial enrolment in high school department: 1935—1936, 95 (41 boys, 54 girls); 1936—1937, 109 (55 boys, 54 girls); 1937—1938, 130 (57 boys, 73 girls).

Broadcasting of Morning Devotions

Since the middle of last October the morning devotional exercises of our institution, conducted by President Ottomar Krueger, were broadcast every week-day over WOWO, the local 5,000-watt radio station. These broadcasts have given our Concordia excellent publicity and have brought the Bread of Life to many thousands of souls. Friends of the institution have financed this important enterprise in its entirety.

Requests

As to the needs and requirements of our institution, we petition the Hon. Synod to grant us the following requests:

Remodeling of Service Building	$27,215.00
Terrazzo floor for dining-hall	7,000.00
Lowering of Maumee Avenue walk	1,200.00
Widening Center Drive to 15 feet	1,225.00
Total	$36,640.00

Item 1. The Service Building at present contains the kitchen, storerooms, and sleeping quarters for the help. It is antiquated, impractically arranged, and is a real fire-trap. The building should be thoroughly remodeled and equipped with a much-needed refrigeration system and bakery.

Item 2. The present terrazzo floor is resting on wood joists. In many places it has warped, causing cracks and breaks. It constitutes a hazard of no mean proportion. Needed: New steel joists, concrete subfloor, and a finished terrazzo floor.

Item 3. Since the widening of Maumee Avenue by the city five years ago the sidewalk (Center Drive to Schick Street) is from two to three feet higher than the pavement. This is not only very unsightly, but extremely dangerous to pedestrians.

Item 4. Center Drive is but twelve feet wide. A constant

hazard! It is impossible for fire-engines to pass a parked car in this driveway.

May the Lord, who has blessed our Concordia since its founding in the year of 1839, continue to bestow His blessing upon our institution and the other institutions of Synod to His glory and the promotion of Christ's kingdom!

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE, FORT WAYNE, IND.
WALTER KLAUSING, *Secretary*

Committee 1 recommended:

1. Items 1 and 2: Your Committee recommends that these two items be granted subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

2. Items 3 and 4: Your Committee recommends that these two items be declined.

3. For an emergency repair of Schick Hall the Board of Control, under approval of Synod's Board of Directors, requests an appropriation of $16,000 to $20,000, which your Committee recommends that it be granted.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

NOTE: The pro-rata share of the high-school department expenses was disposed of under the action on the report of the Board of Directors.

Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.

(Memorial 106)

The Board of Control of Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., herewith submits its triennial report and respectfully requests Synod to consider seriously the urgent needs of its school.

With sincere gratitude to our God, whose grace and mercy have enabled us to complete fifty-seven years of service in His kingdom, we are happy to report that the work of our institution has been carried on without serious interruption and with a rich measure of success. The years of recovery have been lean ones in Wisconsin, and the continuing evils of unemployment, poverty, and overproduction have left their mark on our school in the form of decreased enrolment and grave financial worries. The prospect seems brighter, however, and we are preparing for the new term with confidence and courage, trusting above all in the constant mercies of our Lord.

The Board of Control

The members of the Board of Control have conscientiously applied themselves to their task of supervising the work and guarding the welfare of the institution. Besides the regular monthly meetings numerous extra sessions were held during the past three years. Much time was devoted to the calling of a director and two professors, to the repair and up-keep of Synod's property, and to the planning of necessary equipment and facilities.

Last spring Mr. Paul Dietz, who had served the institution faithfully since the summer of 1929, was called to his eternal rest. He had been treasurer since the death of Mr. Milton Kaiser in 1932. The vacancy was filled by Mr. Alfred Boedecker. Mr. Theodore Krueger took over the duties of treasurer of the Board.

The Faculty

The end of this triennium marks the resignation of the last member of our "Old Guard," Dr. O. F. Hattstaedt. Prof. G. W. Mueller felt constrained to resign in 1936 because of impaired hearing, and Prof. M. J. F. Albrecht, former president of the school, followed in 1937. Their old colleague, Dr. Carl Ross, who had resigned August 3, 1927, passed away June 22, 1937. The second generation of teachers is now carrying on the work of their fathers in the same spirit of faithfulness and consecration.

After a vacancy of one and a half years the presidency was again filled when Prof. L. C. Rincker accepted the call in March, 1936. His place as professor of History and English was filled by the calling of the Rev. Ewald M. Plass in the summer of 1936. As compensation for the loss of Professors Mueller and Albrecht the faculty has recently been augmented by the calling of the Rev. Oliver Rupprecht of Evansville, Ind., to the English department.

With the exception of Prof. C. A. Hardt, who in the spring of 1936 lost several months as a result of a serious throat infection, the members of the faculty have enjoyed good health. May God bless these men in their difficult and important work!

The Students

During the past three years the enrolment at our institution has steadily decreased — from 276 to 214. In June, 1937, we graduated a class of 49, the largest in the history of the school. This fact, together with the fear of an oversupply of ministerial candidates, largely accounts for the decline in numbers. We feel, however, that we have reached bottom and that subsequent years will once more bring larger classes to Concordia. There is reason again to be grateful for the fine Christian character of the boys at our institution. They have given much evidence of a high spirituality and especially during the vacancy in the presidency cooperated loyally with the faculty and the Board. The past years have been marked by unusually good health among the students, so that in-

struction went on without any serious disturbance. We thank God for all this and pray that He may guard and keep our boys and fill them with zeal to prepare diligently for the high calling of the holy ministry.

Local Support

The steady decline in enrolment and an appreciable rise in the cost of living have forced us in these last years to raise the cost of board and fees to $135 per annum. But even this increase would have been insufficient to make ends meet if we had not had the loyal support of our many good friends in the District, which literally has been a life-saver. The good farmers in the State have supplied us with generous donations of foodstuffs, a number of city congregations have sent us collections, and, above all, our auxiliary organization, the Ladies' Aid and the Men's Club, have continued their noble work of supporting the commissary and athletic departments. To all of these groups and individuals we say, Thank you, and God bless you!

Requests

1. *Sabbatical Year.* — Synod has wisely provided an opportunity for newly called professors to pursue graduate studies for one year at the expense of Synod. (Cf. 1935 *Proceedings*, p. 40.) The Board of Control and the faculty of Concordia College, Milwaukee, petition the Hon. Synod to make arrangements whereby professors who have not enjoyed this privilege also be given the opportunity to pursue graduate studies during a one-year leave of absence with pay, Synod to defray the expenses of tuition and of engaging a substitute to assume the duties of a professor on such leave of absence. Such an arrangement will result in great benefit to our professors, colleges, students, and the Church.

It might be added, although we consider it almost self-evident, that permission for any professor to pursue such graduate studies must be obtained from the Board of Control and that the question of granting or denying such permission must be left to the judgment of the Board.

2. *Restoration of Subsidies.* — As an emergency measure in the worst years of the depression the Board of Directors of Synod decided to withhold from the preparatory schools certain subsidies which it had formerly been granting. These subsidies covered expenses for janitor service and supplies, office supplies, telephone service, gas, light, and water.

These extra burdens have weighed heavily on the colleges and are in part responsible for the financial distress of many of them. Some schools have helped themselves by other means: expanding the opportunities for non-ministerial students and charging tuition

in excess of the synodical demands; rental of grounds and buildings; catering to various conventions, summer-school, etc. Our problem in Milwaukee is aggravated by these facts: that nearly all our students are preparing for the ministry, that little opportunity for additional income presents itself, and that we have a large number of ministerial students who do not board at the college and therefore contribute very little proportionately to the maintenance funds.

Unless we increase the fees considerably and thus make it increasingly difficult for worthy boys from humble homes to attend our school, we must look to Synod for the help it formerly gave us. We respectfully urge that Synod again assume the payment for janitor service and supplies, office supplies, telephone, gas, light, and water.

3. *New Building.* — When in 1934 fire damaged our Kilbourn Hall so badly that it had to be razed, we were deprived not only of nine dormitory-rooms but also of our only laboratory, the science lecture-room, and the quarters occupied by the students' library. During the summer of 1934 we moved the laboratory, the science lecture-room, and the college office into the Administration Building. This meant the sacrifice of three classrooms and the necessity of providing makeshift ones in the basement of the Administration Building. The students' library was moved into the low, dark, and damp basement of the Refectory Building. All this, we hoped, would be a brief emergency arrangement, which would terminate in 1935, when we planned to request Synod for a new building. But the financial hurdles were already too high for Synod to raise them, and our makeshift is still with us.

The temporary decrease in enrolment has eased the dormitory crisis, but the need for classroom space is still a crying one. Equally serious is our library problem. The new curriculum emphasizes the need for independent work and, by reducing the number of classroom periods, requires much supervised work in the library. On the matter of our library needs there can be no argument. The present quarters are altogether inadequate: the room is too small, too dark, too low. To have more than ten boys in the room at one time crowds the place. The cramped and crowded condition of the room makes utility impossible; the narrow stairway at the entrance is but the passageway to what was intended to be a laundry. Nothing invites; everything repels.

We therefore respectfully request the Hon. Synod to grant us a new building to be erected as an addition to our Administration Building. The entire lower floor is to serve as a library in which the former students' and professors' libraries are to be combined. The second floor will furnish four classrooms. The abandoned

quarters of the faculty library will be converted into a laboratory for the biological science. The building will cost approximately $68,000, plus $6,000 for equipment.

Respectfully submitted,

THE BOARD OF CONTROL,
CONCORDIA COLLEGE, MILWAUKEE, WIS.
GEO. BEIDERWIEDEN, *Secretary*

Action of Synod: As to Request 1, this was taken care of under the report of the Committee on Higher Education. No. 2 could not be granted at this time (cf. action on a similar request from Seward). As to No. 3, it was *resolved,* upon recommendation of Committee 1, that the request of $68,000 for a new building and an additional $6,000 for equipment be granted.

Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.

(Memorial 107)

The Board of Trustees of Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn., hereby presents its triennial report.

Our enrolment for the last three years has been as follows: 1935, 170; 1936, 154; 1937, 144.

Owing to the decreased enrolment the faculty was able to do all necessary work without filling the existing vacancy. In a general way the health condition among the faculty and the student-body has been very good, and we believe that the student-body as a whole is willingly guided by the Word of God.

In 1935 we requested that our chapel be painted and its acoustics improved and that our libraries be consolidated. These requests were referred to the Board of Directors, which granted both of them. They were carried out at a cost slightly below the estimate.

Another improvement was the installation of a stoker under one of our boilers, which is now in operation for its first season. Our plant is in fair physical condition. We have three modern, fireproof buildings, which require no repairs on which Synod has to pass. Something must be done, however, to our old group of buildings. These are between seventy and eighty years old. They were built by the State of Minnesota and were well built, so that they are today basically in very good condition. They require, however, some reconditioning, and your Board suggests that one of these dormitories, the so-called South Building, be reconditioned now. No structural changes and no rearrangement of rooms is asked for. One supporting post must be replaced on account of dry-rot; much new flooring must be laid; much woodwork replaced; window-sashes and window-frames either repaired or

replaced, the electric wiring gone over, etc. We have an accurate architect's estimate according to which the total cost of all labor and material and the architect's fee will come to $7,034. This will then provide living quarters for about fifty-five students or both living and sleeping quarters for half that number. We request that this sum be allowed and made available if possible some time during the next eight months.

We are now paying out the sum of $2,670 annually for rental of professors' houses, and we request Synod to give very serious consideration to the advisability of erecting further houses on our campus, for which we have ample space.

At the time of the Cleveland Convention there appeared the possibility of our being compelled to install a new boiler. We have succeeded in convincing the State Boiler Inspector that our boiler is still entirely safe, and we were permitted to keep on using it. Synod in 1935 referred this matter to the Board of Directors, and we take it for granted that, if a new boiler should be required during the next triennium, the Board of Directors will have power to act in the matter.

Respectfully submitted by

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CONCORDIA COLLEGE, ST. PAUL, MINN.
per J. H. DECKMAN, *Secretary*

Recommendations of Committee 1:

1. Your Committee recommends that the request for reconditioning the so-called "Old Building" be referred to the Board of Directors.

2. For the matter of a professor's residence Synod has made necessary provision.

3. Also the matter concerning the heating was taken care of by the Board of Directors.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo.

(Memorial 108)

We herewith submit our report for St. Paul's College for the past triennium. With gratitude to God we rejoice in the fact that the high purpose of our institution could be realized during the past three years without any serious disturbances or interruption. The health of the faculty and the student-body has been good; not a day of lessons had to be dropped on account of illness.

In 1937 we were privileged to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Prof. A. H. Schoede, who from the time of his graduation at

Concordia Seminary in 1887 has ably served our institution. We also take note of the fact that Prof. H. Lobeck has completed his thirty-third and Prof. Wm. Schaller his thirty-second year with us. Candidate Wm. Reiss, who has efficiently filled the position of assistant professor for the last two years, has accepted a call into the ministry and will leave for his new field of labor at the end of this scholastic year. Permission to engage another assistant has been granted by the Board of Directors. Prof. L. W. Spitz declined a call to the presidency of Concordia Institute, Bronxville, N. Y. President Ottomar Krueger accepted the call to our sister institution at Fort Wayne, Ind. During the ensuing vacancy Prof. L. W. Spitz served as acting president. He was also appointed college treasurer and is still serving in that capacity. Rev. Albert J. C. Moeller of Grand Island, Nebr., was called to the vacant presidency. His installation took place on January 30, 1938.

Since the last synodical convention the local Board has faithfully endeavored to carry out its duties and has made the repairs and improvements approved by the Board of Directors.

Because of high local rates for current and power we purchased our own electric plant. Two Fairbanks-Morse electric units, operated by Diesel engines, solve all our lighting and power problems. This project was financed out of the commissary fund; it effects a material saving to our institution.

The hospital, formerly heated by a hot-air furnace, because of greater efficiency and economy has been connected with the steam-heating system. Other improvements have been made in line with this change to provide satisfactory health service for our students.

An institute for pastors, teachers, and other church-workers will be held at St. Paul's College from June 7 to 10. Besides members of the local faculty, Dr. F. Pfotenhauer and Prof. O. P. Kretzmann will serve as instructors.

Efforts are being made toward full accreditation of our junior college. The academy is fully accredited. The changes proposed by Synod's Curriculum Committee have been introduced. Dr. W. R. Roehrs, a member of the committee, has been very helpful with his suggestions. The books needed for the new courses have been added to the library, which now numbers 10,038 volumes.

At this time we request of the Hon. Synod a much-needed professor's dwelling, which may be built for the sum of $7,500. The home in which one of the professors lives, located some distance from the campus, is in such a condition that we cannot conscientiously expend the amount of money required for the extensive repairs needed. Mr. W. H. Schlueter of the Board of Directors and Vice-President F. J. Lankenau have thoroughly inspected the residence and are in a position to give further information.

We would also keep Synod mindful of our former plea for a new administration building. Though the old Administration Building has given us no serious trouble since the repairs were made which Synod ordered six years ago, the general objections voiced against it still stand. The interior arrangement remains inadequate, and the outward appearance is a source of unfavorable publicity for our Church. St. Paul's College is located on one of our country's chief highways. Due to present economic conditions we realize the improbability and, perhaps, the impossibility of Synod's granting such a project at this time; we feel it our duty, however, to keep this matter before your honorable body.

Repairs which should be made in other buildings have been brought to the attention of the Board of Directors and may be taken care of in the routine manner.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF ST. PAUL'S COLLEGE, CONCORDIA, MO.
WM. O. SCHMIDT, *Secretary.*

Recommendations of Committee 1:

1. The matter of a professor's residence is to be taken care of in a previously stated manner by the Board of Directors.

2. Administration Building: Your Committee recommends that this request be declined.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.

(Memorial 109)

In more than one way the last triennium has been unusual for our Bronxville Concordia. Four times the angel of death reminded us of the fact that we are but pilgrims here.

On July 9, 1936, Dr. George A. Romoser, since 1915 connected with our Bronxville Concordia, first as professor and since 1918 as president, was unexpectedly called home.

On September 8, 1936, Pastor William Koepchen passed away. Although not officially connected with our school at the time of his death, yet Pastor Koepchen had been secretary of our Board for a quarter of a century and probably did more for the external advancement of our Bronxville Concordia than any other individual, except only John Henry Sieker, whom Pastor Koepchen succeeded as secretary of the Board.

On May 24, 1937, Mr. Henry F. Holtorf, who for more than twenty-five years was a very faithful and efficient member of our Board, fell asleep in Jesus.

Two days later, on May 26, 1937, Dr. A. W. Meyer died. He spent almost a lifetime in the educational work of Synod and during the last year of his pilgrimage taught some of the classes in our Bronxville school.

May the memory of these sainted servants of God ever remain sacred to us, and may their example inspire us to ever greater zeal in the work of Christian education generally and the work of preparing young men for the ministry in particular!

Still other changes occurred in our *personnel.* Prof. H. Proehl presented his resignation as teacher in August, 1935, since he felt that he could not get along on the salary offered. Prof. H. Koch, Ph. D., was elected to fill the vacancy created by this resignation. After a year's vacancy, during which Prof. H. J. Rippe, in addition to his regular work, took over the duties of the presidency, the Rev. Arthur J. Doege was called to the presidency of our school. He entered upon his duties September 1, 1937. Prof. Paul Woy accepted a call into the pastorate of St. John's Congregation in Meriden, Conn.

Mr. Charles Nehring was elected to fill the unexpired term caused by the death of Mr. H. F. Holtorf on the Board of Trustees. In October, 1937, Pastor Daniel M. Kleist, on account of impaired health, felt that he could no longer serve as a member of the Board of Trustees. The Rev. Geo. C. Koenig was elected to fill this unexpired term. At this writing no successor to Professor Woy has been elected.

Naturally there were also changes in the *personnel* of our assistant instructors.

The next item of importance since the last convention of Synod is the securing of a charter and the incorporation of our Bronxville school under the laws of the University of the State of New York. During the preparation of this charter we were in constant communication with Synod's Board of Directors, which approved the charter in its final form. A provisional charter as a junior college for a period of five years was granted us on April 17, 1937. We have been operating under this charter since August, 1937.

Under this charter we are continuing the three courses which we have carried for a number of years, the pretheological, the science, and the classical course. Our high-school department has been accredited since 1918, and so no new courses were introduced in this department. In the junior-college department several new courses were introduced, continuing the high-school courses through the junior college. The new courses are being carried without any addition to the faculty. They satisfy the demands of the regents for requirements in the following curricula:

terminal, liberal arts, science, prelaw, premedical. Of course, all the requirements of Synod for the pretheological course are met.

A college laboratory for chemistry was installed without any cost to Synod. Professor Rippe prevailed upon two friends of our Concordia to underwrite the cost, which amounted to $2,500, and Professor Hausmann undertook the installation of the entire equipment.

The required segregation of our faculties in the academic work has created a serious problem. The segregation of the faculties makes it impossible for a teacher who teaches in the college department to teach also in the high-school department, and *vice versa.* Six of our teachers are assigned to the college department. This leaves us with only three regular teachers for the high-school department. We are compelled to engage instructors, ordinarily four of them. In addition to these four instructors we pay a large part of the salary of our bookkeeper. The Lutheran Education Society has made it possible for us to meet these requirements, at least in part. However, the financial burden is too great, and so the Atlantic District at its last convention as an emergency measure decided to give some special aid to our school in addition to what has been given by the District heretofore.

We are of the opinion that Synod ought to make it possible for us to carry this additional financial burden, not by any special money grants, but by permitting us to introduce the tuition plan which we are presenting in a special memorial to Synod.

The special courses and the accreditation have meant much for the life of our Bronxville Concordia, as the following figures show: Without the special courses our enrolment of ministerial students during the last three years would have been as follows: 1935—1936, 89; 1936—1937, 77; 1937—1938, 70. With the special courses our enrolment was 118, 118, 132, for the same years. This means that Synod has received $7,493 tuition from our school during the triennium.

With the permission of Synod's Board of Directors a central heating-plant was completed at a cost of $4,627. We are now able to supply all the cottages with heat. The members of the faculty reimburse Synod for the heat so delivered.

After many years of trying to store our foodstuffs in a warm basement-room of the Administration Building we have finally succeeded in building a much-needed storage cellar next to the commons building at a cost of $2,433.89.

One of the major problems still confronting our school is the problem of an educational building. Some years ago already we asked Synod for an appropriation for this purpose. We would again call attention to the fact that some of our classes still meet in

basement-rooms with half windows. Our reading-room consists of two classrooms, separated by a hall thrown into one unit by removing the partitions which would separate the classrooms from the hall and building two walls which continue the side-walls of the classrooms, so making one large room, with windows at the two ends. The *aula,* or assembly-room, is created in the same way on another floor. All these problems could be solved if facilities covering these needs could be built into an educational building.

At this writing an effort is being made in the Atlantic and in the Eastern District and in those congregations of the English District which are in this territory to raise funds for a suitable church in Bronxville. This church is needed primarily because of our school. We have no church-building in Bronxville. Services on Sunday are conducted in the makeshift of a chapel in the school. The needs of the school are one of the primary considerations in the building of the church at Bronxville. We therefore regret very much that Synod's only contribution to this project is a tract of land, which did not cost Synod anything but was given by the congregations, which are now giving again for the church at Synod's school.

The question of coeducation was brought to the fore in connection with the charter of our school. Provision for coeducation was made in the charter. We are of the opinion that Synod should definitely express itself on this question. Since conditions in the various schools differ so materially, it would seem unwise for Synod to lay down hard and fast rules covering every school. Synod ought to lay down a policy which is sufficiently flexible to satisfy the peculiar needs of the individual school and not try to force all the schools into the same mold.

For a number of years we have been very modest in our requests for repairs and improvements on our buildings. The time has come when it is imperative to do something in order to keep up our buildings lest they deteriorate. This is the case especially with the Administration Building and the original dormitory, Bohm Hall. The woodwork, the floors, and the classrooms ought to be reconditioned, especially also in view of the fact that during the coming World's Fair a large number of our people no doubt will visit New York and at that time will also wish to see our Bronxville Concordia.

Furthermore, we have never had the necessary office facilities for the administration of our school. The president of our school has never had an office, neither have we had an office for our bookkeeper nor for the dean or the registrar, with the many files and records which need to be kept. There has never been

a real faculty-room with the necessary equipment. We believe that we ought no longer to delay in making provision for these needs.

The roadways are in need of major repairs, never having been paved beyond a bed of cinders and stones.

We have gone over the entire situation carefully and are ready to submit detailed information on the work which, we believe, must be done, together with the approximate cost estimated by an expert in this work. Although we realize that the finances of Synod are still far from what we should wish them to be, yet we believe that the best interests of Synod make this work imperative. We therefore request that a special allowance of $15,000 be voted so that this work can be done. It ought to be done during the summer of this year. We assure Synod that every effort will be made to keep the cost down to a minimum in harmony with the best workmanship.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CHARLES NEHRING, *Secretary*
ARTHUR BRUNN, *Chairman*

Report of Committee 1:

1. The request for an educational building was withdrawn.

2. Your Committee recommends that an allowance of $15,000 be made for necessary office facilities and other larger improvements.

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

As to general higher education and coeducation, see action under report of the Committee on Higher Education.

St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.

(Memorial 110)

The Board of Control of St. John's College, Winfield, Kans., herewith submits its report covering the years 1935 to 1938.

The enrolment statistics for the last three years are as follows:

1935—1936: Total, 142; boys, 99; girls, 43
1936—1937: Total, 161; boys, 115; girls, 46
1937—1938: Total, 202; boys, 130; girls, 72

The pretheological enrolments were as follows:

1935—1936: 70; 1936—1937: 87; 1937—1938: 91

In the spring of 1936 President A. M. Rehwinkel accepted a call to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo. In August of that year the Rev. Carl S. Mundinger, A. M., of Hopkins, Minn., accepted our call

to the presidency of the school and was installed in office on September 8 in the opening service of the school-year.

Because of the increase of enrolment Candidate Lawrence Wahlers was engaged as assistant in September, 1937. The Board of Directors also approved the calling of a permanent professor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Prof. H. J. Stoeppelwerth on October 16, 1934.

On November 25, 1937, faculty, students, and local congregation joined in celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Prof. A. E. Kunzmann's ordination to the ministry.

The new curriculum for pretheological training adopted by Synod's Committee on Higher Education was introduced in part beginning with the fall of 1936 and will be in full operation in all classes in the fall of 1938.

The commercial department has shared in the general increase in the enrolment of the school. The work of this department is in the hands of Prof. I. J. Kloster and an assistant. The department is self-supporting financially. In fact, it pays Synod $100 a year for the use of three rooms.

Both high school and junior college have been accredited for a number of years with the educational authorities of the State of Kansas. In the spring of 1935 the high-school department was accredited also with the North Central Association. Efforts will be made in the near future to secure the same recognition for the junior college. The relations with these agencies have been satisfactory and helpful.

Such needs of the institution as painting and decorating, improving the acoustics of the chapel, etc., have been submitted to the Board of Directors under the heading "Maintenance and Repairs." Present needs as to faculty and buildings are adequately provided for, and the local board requests no special grants and appropriations.

On March 28, 1938, Rev. Geo. Hoyer of Topeka, Kans., tendered his resignation as chairman of the Board of Control. In a meeting on April 4, 1938, the Board accepted his resignation and elected Rev. Geo. Klattenhoff of Herington, Kans., to succeed Rev. Geo. Hoyer.

The helpful cooperation of Synod's President, of the Board of Directors, and of the Committee on Higher Education is gratefully acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted by

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE
REV. GEO. KLATTENHOFF, *Chairman*

Since there were no special requests, no resolutions were necessary.

California Concordia College, Oakland, Cal.

(Memorial 111)

With heartfelt gratitude to our heavenly Father for the many blessings He bestowed upon our Oakland Concordia during the past triennium your Board of Control at Oakland, Cal., herewith respectfully submits to you for your kind consideration the following report and request.

I. The new curriculum as proposed and partly outlined by the Curriculum Committee was introduced in September, 1937. The course in the biological sciences and that in the social sciences had already been introduced in September 1936. In the high-school courses only one change was necessary (the addition of a one-year course in modern history) to conform with the recommendations of the committee.

The recommendations of the Curriculum Committee have been unanimously approved by the faculty, and among the students they have aroused an interest which is plainly evident in the type of work they are doing for these courses. It is our conviction that these courses will prepare our students well to meet the present-day demands in the holy ministry.

We are fortunate in having on our faculty men whose graduate training and past teaching experience made it possible for them to take over these courses.

Our library is fairly well equipped to meet the requirements of these courses. With small means at our disposal it has been built up, by careful selection of books, during the past ten years, so that it now contains about 2,000 usable volumes. With the restoration of the larger part of the former annual grant it can function effectively.

But that is not the case with our laboratory. It is equipped adequately only for the high-school course in chemistry. The restoration of part of the former annual grant is not sufficient to equip for the new courses in the biological and physical sciences. For the acquisition of this equipment we petition your honorable body for a grant of $400.00.

II. The Board of Control of California Concordia College feels constrained to ask for permission to introduce coeducation into our Oakland Concordia. The following reasons are respectfully submitted:

1. The California and Nevada District has *repeatedly* requested that coeducation obtain at this institution. An overture from the District to the Delegate Synod of 1935 is still pending.

2. Many friends of Christian education within the District feel that the Church is guilty of inconsistency. On the one hand, we

bind upon the conscience of our membership the duty of Christian education, we work intensively for the establishment of Christian *elementary schools,* and stress the patronage of our Lutheran *university.* On the other hand, we make little effort to bridge the gap between elementary schooling and collegiate training, the most dangerous age in the life of young people. In the West, where church-work must be carried on under the handicap of a special measure of indifference, this kindly and constructive criticism represents a victory for sound Lutheran preaching; and your Board feels that this attitude is worthy of being entered as a reason for this petition.

3. The people of this District and of Southern California have invested heavily in building the Oakland Concordia. To build an additional high school to which girls might have access would call for an extra investment and would be injurious both to the male enrolment and the financial support of Concordia. The people who made the erection of the present institution possible have requested that the girls of their relationships no longer be excluded from the educational advantages which it offers. If this cannot be effected and their belief in Christian high-school training is sincere, there can be only one alternative, namely, the erection of an additional school. Your Board is convinced that it is far better to concentrate efforts upon the institution already in existence.

4. Lest it be thought that the difficulty might be solved by referring the parents of girls to the Lutheran high schools in the Middle West where girls are admitted, permit us to remind your honorable body that our District is some two thousand miles distant from these schools. Were the sending of girls to these institutions feasible, many daughters of California and Nevada families would have attended them before now. The isolation of this Western Coast from the populous sections of our beloved Synod, in addition to the reason developed as No. 3, constitutes a plea which in our opinion merits particular consideration.

5. The sincerity of the interest in coeducation is attested by the fact that applications for the admittance of girls to our Concordia have actually been made during the past years and were again made this year. It is gratifying to note that a number of these requests have been received in behalf of graduates of our parochial schools.

6. Finally, both the California Concordia faculty and your Board feel that coeducation can be introduced *without hampering the main objective of this institution.*

We are presenting this overture, dear brethren, in full recognition of our synodical responsibility for the welfare of the school committed to our care. Hitherto conferences and the District Synod have sent in overtures to the Delegate Synod concerning the matter under consideration. Now, after years of observation, listening, and periodical discussions with others and among ourselves we believe that we are acting for the welfare of this Concordia, for the ultimate benefit of Synod, and for the intelligent extension of God's kingdom on the West Coast when we submit *our* opinion on this project. If undertaken in the name of Him to whom California Concordia College has been dedicated, the introduction of coeducation will, we are confident, be a venture fraught with blessing.

With fraternal greetings,

THE BOARD OF CONTROL OF CALIFORNIA CONCORDIA COLLEGE
ARTHUR BROHM, *Chairman* E. L. WINKELMANN, *Secretary*

The request for the laboratory was covered by a former general resolution, which was referred to the Board of Directors.

As to general higher education and coeducation, see action under the report of the Committee on Higher Education.

University Chapel at Berkeley, Cal.

(Unprinted Memorial 41)

Committee 1 reported:

In an unprinted memorial, No. 41, Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Berkeley, Cal., petitions Synod to assist it in relocating as a university church and requests towards the erection of a new church plant the sum of $15,000. Your Committee holds that this request cannot be granted by Synod but recommends that the District be encouraged to do as much as possible for the students' welfare mission at Berkeley by means of loans and otherwise.

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

Concordia College, Portland, Oreg.

(Memorial 112)

In reviewing the past three years of the life of our Portland Concordia, we find we have every reason to thank God for the mercy He has shown us throughout the triennium.

One evening last summer a fire broke out in our building, but it was quickly extinguished and merely damaged the roof. We have had no cases of serious illness and no deaths to record among the students. One boy had to be operated on for appendicitis, but he stood the operation nicely. We have at the present time indeed a case of illness in the faculty. Professor Brandt has had a nervous breakdown and will hardly be able to teach before the end of the present school-year. Fortunately we have found an able

supply in the person of Candidate Otto of Omaha, who for a number of years has been doing university work, majoring in Professor Brandt's main branch, which is English.

The number of students, though below what it was at its peak in the predepression days, is steadily growing, in fact has just about doubled in the course of the triennium, and we have every reason to believe that under God's blessing it will continue to grow apace within the next few years, especially if the influx of the people from the Middle West continues and if Synod grants our District's request for coeducation at our institution, and still more, if Synod *gives us just one unit* of the new building it has *promised us twice.*

Already in 1926 Synod recognized our need of a new plant in Portland and resolved to give us one. This resolution was repeated in 1929. But for well-known reasons few new college buildings have been erected by us in recent years. Now we need a new building badly, and if we cannot have all of it, we should at least have part of it. So we are asking for *one unit* of one of the dormitories that Synod resolved to erect. This unit will house the entire student-body for a number of years to come and house them comfortably and more respectably than they are now being housed.

At present the boys are living in rooms measuring 10×13 feet, six boys to a room. The desks are primitive indeed. Also the steward and his family are living in very crowded quarters in the lone building. The laboratory is in the basement, in a room which is very poorly lighted, and the dormitory is in the attic, all the boys sleeping in one large room. The fire hazard is great.

The enormous size of our District, territorially speaking, the great distance from our other institutions and from the center of Synod's activities, the great influx of people from other sections of the country, especially from the Middle West, whence tens of thousands of families, many Lutheran families among them, have poured into Oregon, Washington, and Idaho, the development of this section which the National Government is seeking to promote by building two huge dams in the Columbia River, the Bonneville Dam near Portland and the Grand Coulee Dam in North Central Washington, for purposes of power and irrigation, the expansion of mission-work thus made imperative in this District, and the chance our Christian people should have to let some of their boys study for the ministry and for the teaching profession, — all this calls for the continuance of a college in the Pacific Northwest, and the above-mentioned conditions prevailing in our present building call for at least one unit of a new dormitory, a building more commodious and less primitive than what we now have.

A unit such as we are asking for can be built for from $25,000 to $30,000.

God help the delegates assembled to see the need of this improvement and make them willing to grant our really modest request.

In the name of the Board of Control

J. A. Rimbach, *Chairman*
A. Buescher, *Secretary*

Report of Committee 1:

Your Committee recommends that the request for a new building to cost $25,000 to $30,000 be granted.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Concordia College, Edmonton, Alberta

(Memorial 113)

With heartfelt gratitude towards our heavenly Father, who in His never-ending grace and mercy has again protected, guided, and blessed us, we, the members of the Board of Control of Concordia College, Edmonton, Alta., herewith present to you our report for the past triennium.

1. *Student-Body.* — Our student-body, owing to unprecedented drought in wide areas in Alberta and even wider areas in Saskatchewan and consequent unfavorable economic conditions has not been as large as it would have been if normal conditions had prevailed. Our enrolment was 35 students in 1935–36, 55 in 1936–37, and 40 in 1937–38.

Our boys, individually and collectively, were governed by, and willingly submitted to, the Word of God. In only a few cases severe disciplinary measures had to be adopted. Needless to say, these cases were dealt with in accordance with Biblical principles.

Health conditions, on the whole, were good. With the exception of two students who had to submit to mastoidectomies and one scarlet-fever case, our boys contracted no serious diseases. Last winter, when there was fear of an epidemic of poliomyelitis, all possible precautionary measures were observed, and none of our students were stricken by the dreaded disease.

2. *Faculty.* — The members of the faculty have been very diligent and conscientious in the performance of their respective duties. They have worked faithfully, not only for the welfare of our college, but also for that of the District and of Synod in general.

By the grace of God the health of our professors has been good, so that their work could go on without much interruption. Director Schwermann unfortunately suffered a nervous breakdown in the winter of 1937 and had to be given a two-month leave of absence.

Happily we can report that he now seems to have regained his health.

In 1935 we were privileged to celebrate Professor Riedel's twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. The occasion was observed by special services.

One change occurred in the *personnel* of the faculty. Prof. W. A. Baepler, in 1936, accepted a call to the seminary at Springfield. Because of the comparatively small number of students enrolled it was considered inadvisable to call a successor immediately. With the consent of the Board of Directors an assistant teacher, Mr. W. Schwane of St. Louis, was engaged for the rest of the year, and another one, Candidate H. Witte, also of St. Louis, for the past year.

The new courses suggested by the Committee on Higher Education have been introduced and are being taught as well as it can be done by so small a staff as ours is.

Board of Control. — The Board has endeavored to keep the college buildings in good repair and the entire institution in proper running order. Regular monthly and a number of special meetings were held.

We have to report the loss of one member, *viz.*, Mr. E. Forster, who was called to his eternal rest in 1937. His place was filled by the election of Mr. A. Nickel.

Requests

1. *Library.* — Our library is still very small and woefully inadequate. Some years ago we were granted a special appropriation of $1,000 for library purposes. However, owing to financial conditions the money could not be made available to us. The Committee on Higher Education holds that our colleges should have a library of at least 10,000 live volumes. We fully agree with the committee. But our library, we regret to say, numbers only 3,000 volumes, and of these 2,000 at most can be classified as live ones. We need and urgently request the following sums for books and other library purposes:

Mathematics and science department	$135.00
Sociology, economics, and political science	115.00
History	65.00
English and German	200.00
Religion	100.00
Humanities	135.00
Latin and Greek	200.00
Periodicals	42.00
Shelves and Filing Cabinets	105.00
Total	$1,097.00
Deduct regular allowance for 1938	262.50
Special appropriation requested	$834.50

2. *Laboratory.* — Our laboratory equipment is just as inadequate as the library. Our microscope, bought at second hand, is worn out. We have no vacuum pump, practically no electrical equipment, no biological charts; in short, we lack dozens of more or less expensive things needed for efficient teaching of the sciences. We therefore request the Hon. Synod to grant us for

Laboratory equipment	$678.00
Less the regular allowance for 1938	150.00
	$528.00

3. *Repairs and Replacements.* — We ask Synod to appropriate the necessary funds for the following items:

a. Replacing the worn-out water-heater, taking down, and refastening, a row of wash-basins, and replacing corroded drains at an estimated cost of	$153.00
b. Reshingling and otherwise repairing the roof of the director's dwelling	133.00
c. Repairing the porch pillars of the same dwelling and replacing two flights of steps	59.60
d. Small repairs (carpenter and cement work) in the dormitory	10.00
Total for repairs and replacements	$355.60

4. *Painting and Decorating.* —

a. Calcimining college kitchen, dining-room, service dining-room, and part of chapel	$65.00
b. Repairing large cracks and repainting concrete floor in dining-room and worn spots in lavatories	37.00
c. Repapering 4 rooms in director's dwelling	40.00
d. Painting rear entry, front porch, and steps of same dwelling	30.00
e. Staining reshingled roof	40.00
f. Painting 4 professors' residences	640.00
g. Staining roofs of same residences	200.00
h. Decorating halls, stair-wells, and 3 rooms in each of 3 residences	144.00
Total cost of painting and decorating	$1,196.00
Total of all sums requested	$2,915.00

We are convinced that all items mentioned above are not merely desirable, but highly necessary, and we pray that they be granted in their entirety.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Control of Concordia College, Edmonton, Alta.,

per M. W. Riedel, *Secretary*

Committee 1 reported:

For all these requests Synod has delegated power to act to the Board of Directors; hence no special resolution is necessary.

Action of Synod: This report was *received.*

Lutheran Concordia College of Texas at Austin, Tex.

(Memorial 114)

The past triennium has been one of quiet progress. While the school, being still young and without any accumulated reserve, has experienced considerable difficulty during the depression period, it has nevertheless grown stronger in every respect, internally and externally. The congregations of the District show a lively interest in their Concordia by supporting it in many ways. Rural congregations continue to send victuals. Others raise collections. The District has come to the assistance of the library and the laboratory by setting aside a fixed sum in its budget. The College Association has proved to be of inestimable worth to the institution. Through the columns of its paper, the *Concordia Informer,* it has made more people acquainted with the school and its needs. By its contributions this organization has made it possible to build good gravel roads on the college campus, buy power mowers, pay needy students to work on the campus, etc. Last year lightning struck our dormitory for the second time. The damage amounted to $85. The question of lightning-rod protection received serious consideration by our local Board, and upon our request the Board of Directors agreed to allow the amount of $165 for providing lightning-rods for the college building.

The health, conduct, and general character of the students has been very satisfactory. In 1935—36 we had an enrolment of 27; during 1936—37, 29; during 1937—38, 31. This latter number is made up of 20 ministerial, 1 normal, and 10 high-school students. During the last school-year the board was raised to $110. It may also be stated that the school became accredited in 1936.

During the school-year 1935—36 Candidate Oscar Walle served as assistant professor. During the last two years Mr. E. Essig was with us in that capacity. With regard to this matter we beg to append below a memorial to Synod. This memorial has the endorsement of the Texas District. (See *Proceedings of 22d Convention of Texas District,* Vol. 1937, No. 2, pp. 56, 57.)

In conclusion we beg to add one more request. Our old Frigidaire, having served our college kitchen during the past ten years, is again in need of repairs. After carefully weighing the matter, we consider it wise to have the old machine replaced by a new one. Hence we request Synod to grant an appropriation not to exceed $600 for a new refrigerator.

BOARD OF CONTROL,
LUTHERAN CONCORDIA COLLEGE, AUSTIN, TEX.
REV. F. H. STELZER, *Executive Secretary*

Report of Committee 1:

1. Refrigeration. Your Committee recommends to grant $600 for the requested refrigeration.

2. Full-time Professor. Your committee recommends that the request for an additional regular professor be granted.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Brazil

(Memorial 115)

Die unterzeichnete Aufsichtsbehörde des Concordia-Seminars zu Porto Alegre, Brasilien, möchte hiermit pflichtgemäß einer Ehrw. Synode Bericht erstatten sowie Bitten und Empfehlungen zum Ausdruck bringen.

Unter Gottes Gnade und Beistand hat unser Anstaltswerk in dem verflossenen Triennium seinen gedeihlichen Fortgang nehmen dürfen. Die Zahl der Studenten und Schüler betrug in den drei Jahren immer etliche fünfzig; im vergangenen Jahr waren 52 Studierende auf der Anstalt zugegen. Von fünf Lehrkräften wurde im Jahre 1937 Unterricht erteilt in einer zweiten und oberen Seminarklasse. In der oberen Seminarklasse hatten wir sieben Studenten, drei aus Argentinien und vier aus Brasilien. Alle sieben konnten nach bestandenem Examen in das heilige Predigtamt entlassen werden. In der unteren Seminarklasse war die Zahl die gleiche, und sie verteilte sich im selben Verhältnis. In der Proseminarabteilung (Collegekurs) wurden eine Prima, eine Tertia und eine Quinta unterrichtet. In der Prima studierten fünf Schüler, in der Tertia und in der Quinta je siebzehn. Da unser Seminar nur alle zwei Jahre neue Schüler aufnimmt, ergibt sich naturgemäß eine solche Klasseneinteilung.

Der Direktor der Anstalt, Dr. J. N. H. Jahn, genießt seit Anfang des vorigen Jahres einen Urlaub in seiner Heimat, um mit Gottes Hilfe seine Gesundheit wiederzuerlangen, die ernstlich gefährdet war. Gott wolle ihn wieder völlig genesen lassen! Während der Abwesenheit Dr. Jahns versieht Prof. Rehfeldt das Amt des Direktors, und Hilfsprofessor G. Muller hilft aus in den Lehrfächern.

Die Bibliothek des Seminars konnte mit Hilfe unserer kirchlichen Jugend, der Waltherliga, durch eine stattliche Anzahl Bücher in der portugiesischen Landessprache erweitert werden.

Für den Unterhalt unserer Studenten, die meistens wegen Mangels an Mitteln für ihr Studium nicht selbst aufkommen können, haben sich in dankenswerter Weise unsere lieben Gemeinden durch Geldspenden und Sammlungen an Naturalien tätig erwiesen, so daß keine Not eintrat. An Kollekten trugen die Gemeinden im vergangenen Jahr etwa 24:000$000 bei. Eine schwebende Schuld in der Haushaltskasse in Höhe von 6:446$000 konnte getilgt werden.

Bedürfnisse. Seit Jahren empfinden wir den Mangel eines sechsten Professors an unserer Anstalt. Unsere jetzigen fünf Professoren sind zu sehr mit Stunden überlastet; die Folge davon ist, daß ganz besonders die pädagogischen Fächer zu kurz kommen. Wir müssen aber, wenn unser Gemeindeschulwesen keinen Schaden leiden soll, auf unserm Seminar Lehrer ausbilden, die in jeder Hinsicht für ihr späteres Amt gut vorbereitet sind. Auch die Regierung des Landes stellt je länger, je mehr, besonders in den letzten Jahren, höhere Ansprüche. In den meisten Staaten unsers Landes müssen unsere Schulamtskandidaten noch ein weiteres Examen vor der Schulbehörde der Regierung bestehen. Wenn auch gerade in unserm Staat die Schulgesetze noch nicht so streng gehandhabt wurden, so steht bald zu erwarten, daß sie verschärft werden, worüber wir uns nicht hinwegtäuschen dürfen. Wir sollten also notgedrungen einen weiteren Lehrer für unsere Anstalt haben.

Auf einer vorigen Synode ist uns nun schon ein sechster Professor bewilligt worden, aber die Verhältnisse gestalteten sich so, daß wir uns noch behelfen konnten. Wir dürften aber nun nicht weiter warten, sondern eine Ehrw. Synode sollte jetzt in der Sache handeln und eine Wahl anordnen.

Es hängt nun diese Frage zusammen mit dem Argentinischen Distrikt. Wie wir erfahren, wird auch der Argentinische Distrikt eine Eingabe an eine Ehrw. Synode betreffs des dortigen College machen und sie bitten, die Anstalt in Crespo zu übernehmen. Falls die Ehrw. Synode der Bitte entspricht, wird sie wohl auch darüber zu bestimmen haben, wie viele Klassen dort im Collegekursus geführt werden sollen. Werden uns dann die Schüler von dort, sagen wir von Sekunda ab, zur weiteren Ausbildung hierher geschickt, dann ist es nötig, daß der neue Professor, der für Porto Alegre gewählt wird, auch der spanischen Sprache mächtig ist, damit die argentinischen Schüler und Studenten in der spanischen Sprache weitergefördert werden können.

Professorenwohnung. Wird eine Ehrw. Synode unsere Bitte gewähren und eine neue sechste Professur für unser Seminar einrichten, dann haben wir, um nicht auswärts mieten zu müssen, was wegen der Lage unserer Anstalt sehr nachteilig wäre, eine neue Professorenwohnung nötig. Daher bitten wir, daß uns eine solche bewilligt werde. Wir haben bis jetzt fünf Professorenwohnungen auf unserm Anstaltsgelände. Keine von diesen ist über $5,000 zu stehen gekommen. Für denselben Preis ließe sich auch heute noch eine entsprechende Wohnung errichten, vielleicht etwas billiger, da der Kurs des Geldes bei Umrechnung des Dollars in Milreis gegenwärtig immer noch recht günstig ist.

Erweiterung des Hauptgebäudes. Unsere Aufsichtsbehörde möchte schließlich noch eine Ehrw. Synode schon bei dieser Tagung bitten, ihr die Erweiterung des Hauptgebäudes zu bewilligen. Die Tagung der nächsten Synode dürfte dafür zu spät sein, wenn wir in der Lage sein sollten, im Jahre 1940 wieder eine neue Klasse aufzunehmen. Zu Anfang dieses neuen Schuljahres im März wird wieder eine neue Klasse aufgenommen. Es haben sich bis jetzt 16 neue Schüler gemeldet. Wenn dann im Jahre 1939 die jetzt ausgegangenen Vikare, sieben Studenten der Theologie und drei des Lehrerseminars, also zehn an der Zahl, zurückkehren, wird das Seminar nach jetzigen Raumverhältnissen schon bis zur äußersten Kapazität gefüllt sein, und dann wäre an eine weitere Neuaufnahme im Jahre 1940 kaum zu denken. Auch benötigen wir für den naturwissenschaftlichen Unterricht ein Laboratorium, das die Landesregierung jetzt für alle höheren Lehranstalten vorschreibt. In den jetzigen Verhältnissen steht uns dafür aber kein Raum zur Verfügung. Außerdem haben wir dann auch noch ein weiteres Klassenzimmer nötig.

Aus den angeführten Gründen ist es ersichtlich, daß, wenn unsere Anstaltsarbeit ungehindert ihren Fortgang nehmen soll, uns ein solcher Anbau dringend nötig ist.

Leider wird sich bei der Ausführung eines solchen Baues eine unangenehme Schwierigkeit bieten, die auch nicht zu umgehen ist. Der jetzige Bau des Hauptgebäudes war so gedacht, daß er nur ein Teil des später weiterzuführenden sein sollte. Dieser Plan ist uns nun aber dadurch vereitelt worden, daß uns die Stadtverwaltung oder auch die Regierung nicht die Genehmigung dazu gibt, weil der Platz für eine Straße vorgesehen ist, die dann unsern Anstaltsplatz an der Südseite des Hauptgebäudes quer durchschneidet. Auf unsere Anfrage hin wurde uns ein Weiterbau an der Stelle verweigert. Da helfen auch alle Reklamationen nichts. So werden wir wohl oder übel letzten Endes gezwungen sein, den Bau nach hinten hinaus weiterzuführen, was unser Architekt für das beste hielt.

Es ist uns leider nicht möglich, einer Ehrw. Synode schon heute Baupläne oder Kostenanschläge zu unterbreiten. Prof. Rehfeldt, der Seminardirektor p. t., wird diese, wenn er als Vertreter unsers Distrikts zur Delegatensynode reist, mitbringen und über die Sache reden können.

Der HErr, der Gott aller Gnade, segne und fördere unsere liebe Synode und Ihre werte Versammlung! Er erhalte und mehre das Anstaltswerk unserer Concordia zur Erziehung und Ausbildung vieler und tüchtiger Arbeiter in diesen Landen unter dem Südlichen Kreuz!

Ihre Aufsichtsbehörde:

P. Alb. Lehenbauer — Hans Görl
Hugo Wagner — Aug. Heine ex officio
Osw. Sager

Porto Alegre, 12. Januar 1938

Committee 1 reported:

Three requests are made for this institution:

a) An additional professor; b) A professor's residence;

c) An addition to the college building.

Your Committee recommends the granting of these requests. However, because of present conditions it is uncertain whether these recommendations can be safely carried out; therefore your Committee recommends further that this entire matter be referred to the Board of Directors, with power to act.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

Colegio Concordia, Crespo, Argentina, Offered to Synod

(Memorial 145)

Nachdem im Jahre 1936 durch P. P. Schulz die Anregung gemacht worden war, daß der Argentinische Distrikt seine Distriktsanstalt, das Colegio Concordia zu Crespo, der Synode als Synodalanstalt anbiete, wurde auf der Distriktssynode in Buenos Aires im Februar 1937 beschlossen, das Colegio Concordia zu Crespo der Ev.-Luth. Synode von Missouri, Ohio und andern Staaten als Synodalanstalt anzubieten.

Indem wir im Namen des Argentinischen Distrikts nun dieses Angebot machen, wünschen wir der Ehrw. Delegatensynode Gottes reichsten Segen zu allen Beratungen und Entscheidungen.

Gerhard Hübner, Präses des Argentinischen Distrikts
Walter Eikmeier, Sekretär des Argentinischen Distrikts

Committee 1 reported:

Your Committee recommends that this overture be adopted with the proviso that the question of title and ownership be referred to the Board of Directors.

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

Indigent Students in South America

(Memorial 712)

WHEREAS, There is a crying need for more missionaries in South America, respectively, Argentina and Brazil; and

(In No. 23, 1937, of the *Kirchenblatt,* Professor Rehfeldt writes [translation]: "Our Church in Brazil suffers a lack of laborers in church and school as hardly known before in the history of our District. This year (end of 1937) four students were graduated into the ministry. Eighteen places ought to have been filled. In the succeeding years, humanly speaking, conditions cannot improve. If during the next ten years all students now enrolled in our institution should really complete their course, even then only eighteen pastors will have graduated, for whom sufficient vacancies exist at the very present, and seventeen teachers, all of whom we could well engage right now and still have places left for more. And what all can happen before the ten years will have passed! How sorry we are that within the following ten years we shall be able to prepare only 35 men — 18 pastors and 17 teachers!")

WHEREAS, The seminary at Porto Alegre with five and our college in Crespo with two professors, well qualified, can, in a way, equip the men for their native work better than our North American institutions; while they instruct with equal efficiency in the same Word and doctrine, their graduates are better fitted out in the knowledge of the local field, the living conditions, and the necessary languages, German, Portuguese, and Spanish; they are not, therefore, "foreigners" in their own land; and

WHEREAS, The simple life and the small earnings do not enable the parents of the students to pay the expenses above the board money (the latter is supplied by the District Indigent Students' Fund), which is an outstanding reason why so few students are gained; and

WHEREAS, Experience has taught us that graduates of Porto Alegre are just as capable, as successful, and as loyal as our North American graduates; and

WHEREAS, Furlough expenses are high and ten years furlough expenses, amounting to approximately $60,000 to $70,000 would see through approximately 65 or 75 pastors and teachers, basing the annual expense per student on $100, since food is provided by the colonial congregations; and

WHEREAS, An annual appropriation of only $2,000 could well keep 20 extra students; and

WHEREAS, Such an arrangement would put our established institutions to a better and more satisfactory use; and

WHEREAS, The great need will exist even in future years, we shall waste the Lord's blessings showered upon our work if not more natives will be put into the work; and

WHEREAS, Through the years, owing to demand, there will be no lack of North Americans in the field to keep a healthful balance; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod establish a fund of at least $2,000 annually to provide for the expenses above the board money, enabling poor young native students to prepare for the work in our South American Missions.

Submitted by

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR SOUTH AMERICA
THEO. DORN, *Secretary*

Action of Synod: Upon recommendation of Committee 1 this overture was referred back to the Board for South American Missions for further consideration.

Training-School at Crespo

Report of Committee 1: In an unprinted memorial (No. 22) the matter of a training-school at Crespo and other matters concerning the advancement of our two South American institutions are presented to Synod. Your Committee recommends that these matters be referred to the Board of Directors.

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

Valparaiso University in Its Relation to Synod's Institutions

The Board of Directors of Valparaiso University had submitted the following overture (No. 133):

From an official communication addressed to us by the venerable President of Synod and from other sources we have learned that a number of memorials suggesting a possible change in Synod's educational policy with respect to the aims and objectives of some of its educational institutions will be presented to Synod at its forthcoming convention. Both as members of Synod and as members of the Lutheran University Association, which, in conformity with Synod's present policy, is maintaining Valparaiso University for the higher education of our young people for the secular professions, we are naturally deeply interested in these memorials and in Synod's action with respect to them.

We are very much in sympathy with the general idea of making greater provision for the Christian higher education of our young people. We believe that the spiritual interests of our college-going young men and women and the conservation of these young people for our Church make such provision a matter of grave concern in a day in which the atmosphere at many institutions of higher learning is such, as some one recently said, "that it is not easy or natural for any young man or woman to be or remain an earnest and enthusiastic devotee of any of the old types of religion." We are, however, also conscious of the fact that a change in Synod's historic policy has implications that demand our most earnest and prayerful thought and study. For these reasons we respectfully submit the following paragraphs, which are the result of mature deliberation on the part of the undersigned and a committee of the Valparaiso faculty, for your earnest consideration.

I. We assume of course that Synod will take into consideration the place and the sphere of service of Valparaiso University if it should decide to abandon the policy of restricting the education offered in our synodical institutions to the training of pastors and teachers for service in the Church. The abandonment of the present policy would obviously affect the institution which the Lutheran University Association, as a private organization, is maintaining for the higher education of our young people. In view of the large investment which our Lutheran people have made in this institution and in view of the great progress which Valparaiso University has made, under the blessing of God, in its development and in its capacity for rendering valuable service in years to come, it is only reasonable that the place of Valparaiso University be considered if Synod should adopt any larger program for the general higher education of our youth.

II. The question confronting Synod, if our information is correct, seems to us to be one of such importance that a thorough study of it should be made, preferably with the aid of disinterested competent educational authorities, before any final action is taken with regard to it. We do not believe that Synod should change its historic policy merely as a matter of expediency. Such action would accomplish little in advancing the cause of general Christian higher education. Nor do we think it wise to call numerous local organizations into existence for the support of lay education at our various synodical institutions. Such a policy would make for confusion and not for educational efficiency. If a change is to be made, it seems to us that it should be made only as a matter of principle. It is quite possible that the time has come for Synod to give up the policy of the past and to enter the broader field of general education for the youth of our Church within the Church. We believe, however, that, before this change is made, Synod should have more definite information regarding the following: (a) the cost involved; (b) the trends in college enrolments caused by the declining birth-rate; (c) the number of institutions at which such general education should be offered; (d) the geographical location of these institutions; (e) the possibility of integrating the courses to be offered in these institutions with those now offered at Valparaiso University, so that the graduates of our junior colleges may continue their education at our institution without loss of credit. It is our conviction that, unless Synod is ready to enter the field of general higher education as a matter of definite policy, and unless it is prepared to meet the expenses involved in offering general education in a really effective way, a change in its present policy would only lead to confusion and fail to accomplish the desired end.

III. We believe that Synod can very effectively aid the cause of Christian higher education by urging the members of our Church to make greater use of the educational facilities now provided for our young people at Valparaiso University, which exists within Synod only to serve Synod and its members. We call Synod's attention to the fact that Valparaiso University is accredited, that it offers thorough instruction at a moderate cost in a great variety

of fields, and that it offers this instruction in an environment that is positively Christian and conducive to the moral and spiritual welfare of our young people. Valparaiso University today has an enrolment of approximately five hundred students, who come from twenty-six States in the Union. It is equipped to serve many more. In view of the many advantages which Valparaiso University offers to the youth of our Church, we respectfully ask Synod to urge our people to avail themselves of this agency in our Church for the higher education of their sons and daughters and once more to commend this institution to the whole-hearted support of our pastors and congregations.

IV. Suggestions have come to us from various quarters from time to time urging us to offer Synod the facilities of Valparaiso University for the further education of the graduates of our preparatory schools and perhaps the students at our St. Louis Seminary. It has been suggested that the graduates of our synodical junior colleges take a year or two at Valparaiso before enrolling at our Seminary for their theological studies. We are very eager to serve Synod in any way which our facilities permit. We believe that a plan could be agreed upon which would enable Synod to control the education of pretheological students at Valparaiso in a way entirely satisfactory to it, and we are prepared to present such a plan to Synod for its consideration.

Praying God's richest blessing upon your deliberations, we are,

Fraternally yours,

W. C. DICKMEYER
President of the Lutheran University Association

PAUL F. MILLER
Secretary of the Lutheran University Association

O. C. KREINHEDER
President of Valparaiso University

Items I, II, and IV of this memorial were disposed of under the report of the Committee on Higher Education.

As to item III, *Committee 1 reported:*

Your Committee recommends that Synod take note of the plea of Valparaiso University contained in this paragraph: "In view of the many advantages which Valparaiso University offers to the youth of our Church, we respectfully ask Synod to urge our people to avail themselves of this agency in our Church for the higher education of their sons and daughters and once more to commend this institution to the whole-hearted support of our pastors and congregations."

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Report of the Advisory Committee

(Memorial 701-B-I, 4. Unprinted Memorial 6)

Report of Committee 1:

Your Committee had before it a detailed report of the Valparaiso Advisory Committee. From this report we here wish to mention particularly the fact that the Board of Directors of the university has definitely decided to abolish all dancing at the institution. On the basis of the report your Committee joins the Board of Directors in the statement: "It is, just as definitely as ever, our conviction, since the university is supported by our people and gives us the assurance that the spiritual welfare of our young people is safeguarded in every way according to our Christian and Lutheran principles, that a close cooperation between the university and Synod must be maintained in the interest of both."

Action of Synod: This report was *received.*

Coordination of Synod's Educational Program

(Memorial 132)

The system of education maintained by the Missouri Synod has shown remarkable growth in complexity within recent years. Originally conceived of as embodying the training of children of elementary school age and pastors and teachers, Lutheran education has long ago found inadequate so simple a pattern. As new needs arose, new means were devised to supply them. The question is not whether these means are adequate or even ideal nor yet how they developed, but merely that they came into being. The parochial school and the confirmation class were originally the accepted means for educating children and the seminaries and colleges for training church-workers. Deviations from this simple pattern came into the Church almost unnoticed. For various reasons not all congregations continued to operate parochial schools. Soon the Sunday-school made its appearance. At first frowned upon, then tolerated, this institution has now been very widely adopted. Obviously the Sunday-school failed to satisfy the needs for Christian training, and other types of school were called into being: the Saturday-school, the vacation Bible-school, the part-time week-day religion school. Other institutions are engaged in religious education: the Walther League and the Lutheran Laymen's League. As a result of this organizational development and its emphasis on religious education there is an obvious need for coordination.

The multiplying of educational activities required additional leadership. Pastors and teachers could no longer satisfy the multiplicity of functions. From the outset, lay leadership was drawn

in to fill the need. This lay leadership was (and is today) largely unprepared. In various centers, efforts were made to meet this condition. Within the last decade we notice a steady procession of institutes, correspondence courses, summer-conference camps, and now — extension courses in synodical institutions.

Unfortunately these efforts are largely sporadic and unguided. With the proper synodical machinery such needs should be anticipated, encouraged, and guided. It may be the prerogative of every local congregation to train Sunday-school teachers and leaders of young people's organizations; but it is seriously to be questioned whether it is the part of wisdom to exercise this privilege as the *only* or even the most important means of training lay leaders. Even a superficial examination of conditions reveals a considerable amount of duplication, overlapping, and general dispersion of effort.

At present our educational program lacks comprehensiveness of view, definition of function, coordination and guidance in its development. An educational policy suitable for the Church should embrace all its educational activities. The Board of Christian Education as now constituted centers its attention on the age of childhood on the elementary-school level — not entirely but largely. Yet what confusion exists in that field! Agencies have multiplied to fill specific needs. We have for this age the day-school, the Sunday-school, the Saturday-school, the vacation Bible-school, the confirmation class, and some part-time week-day schools. The great problem of keeping the preschool child in direct contact with the Church is barely touched. On the youth level we have similar conditions. The Bible classes and the educational program of the Walther League are not usually coordinated but independent of each other. The educational program on the adult level is largely undeveloped and unexplored.

All the areas mentioned require leadership either on the part of the clergy or of the laymen. This fact has been recognized in practise. Synod has from its very beginning provided institutions, synodically controlled, to prepare teachers and preachers. In addition to these specially prepared leaders there has grown lay leadership in all areas referred to. The Sunday-school elects a "cradle-roll secretary" who assists in the work of caring for the child of preschool age; Sunday-school teachers are called upon to teach religion almost without special preparation; untrained women teachers have been employed to teach religion in parochial schools; young people and adults are expected to take over the educational leadership in their organizations regardless of the special preparation for this important work. In view of this situation efforts have been made in the past to give lay leaders an opportunity to prepare themselves for their work. But all that has been done in this direction in the past cannot but be looked upon as emergency measures. Institutes were established under the pressure of urgency to meet insistent necessities by any group that had the courage to undertake this work, not by their own choice but *because no other facilities were available to carry out such work.*

This spontaneous development of lay-leadership training has certain implications for Synod that must not be overloked. It involves both a "short view" and a "long view." Much of what has been done in the past should be looked upon as the "short view" — it was merely solving immediate, often local, urgent needs in ways that seemed for the moment to be most practical. For the solution of immediate problems such measures offer temporary help. Synod, however, should be more concerned with the "long view."

It seems advisable, then, that an administrative plan be set up which embodies the following considerations:

1. It shall be inclusive enough to take in the total work of education in the Missouri Synod.

2. It shall safeguard the principles of the Missouri Synod, *e. g.,* the autonomy of the local congregation, the singleness of purpose in all educational functions, the effort to maintain, besides able pastors and teachers, also an intelligent lay leadership built on the foundations of an unfaltering faith in Scripture.

3. It shall enable competent boards in an advisory capacity to give directive guidance and assistance in the development of education on all levels to the end that increasingly able leaders be developed for the more and more complex work of present-day congregational life.

4. It shall so place responsibility that every sphere of education will be recognized and may be developed as the needs arise.

5. It shall provide for such coordination and cooperation as may be necessary for a complete and unified total program of religious education.

6. It shall encourage existing organization arrangements which have proved their worth and shall stimulate wholesome initiative.

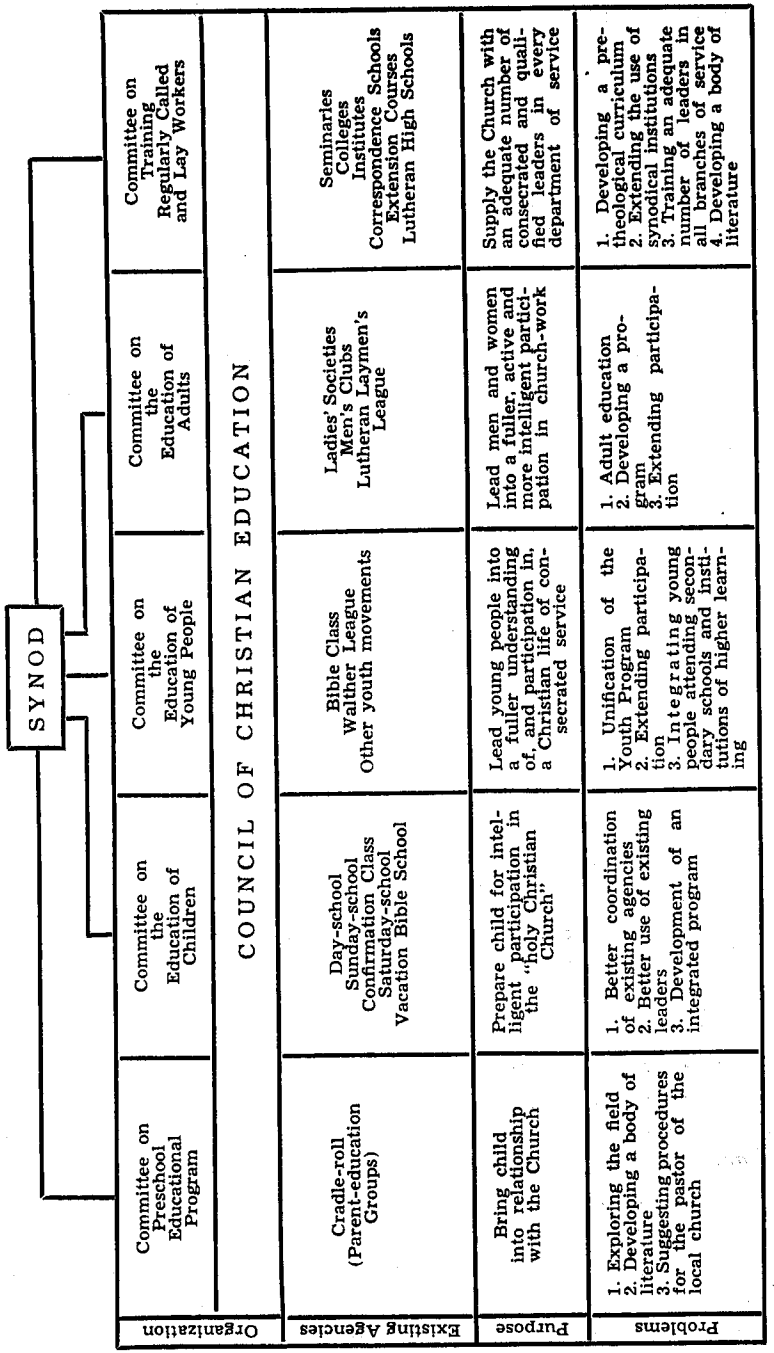
The following plan for the administration of a comprehensive educational program is offered for consideration as a goal toward which to strive.

This proposed organization meets the requirements outlined.

1. It includes all areas in which educational work is now done.

2. It provides for the coordination of the entire educational work of the Church by the integration of the various committees in the *Council of Christian Education.*

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3. It provides for the cooperative study of problems that arise and the needs that present themselves on every level where education is attempted.

4. It places responsibility for the guidance of all educational functions, also of those which have so far not had organizational connection with, nor responsibility to, any existing committee of Synod.

5. It is in agreement with the principles of Synod in that it

a. Maintains the advisory capacity of the Council of Christian Education and thereby safeguards the autonomy of the local congregation;

b. Aims to counteract conditions which tend to disturb the unity of faith by coordinating the entire program of Christian education;

c. Offers a means for better cooperation and more effective guidance of the different phases of the educational program.

Each committee is conceived of as a functional unit dealing with the educational problems of that division. These committees may be selected with reference to their geographical location so that the members of a single committee may meet frequently. At least one member of each committee should be a specialist in the field. It is not necessary, and probably not desirable, that all committees live in one community. Various sections of the country should be represented in the educational work of the Church.

Representatives from each of the committees would constitute the *Council of Christian Education.* This council would coordinate the work of the separate boards and develop policies for the better coordination with, and integration of, the educational program as a whole. Not more than from two to four meetings a year should be necessary for the council.

Recommendations

We recommend:

1. That in the election of boards dealing with education in the larger sense Synod select members with a view to working toward an integrated program. For the first the following boards would come under consideration:

a. The proposed permanent Committee on Higher Education, which may in time consider problems pertaining not only to the training of pastors and day-school teachers but also to that of lay workers, especially if training is given in our synodical institutions.

b. The Young People's Board, which may concern itself with the problem facing all the young people of the Church.

c. The present Board of Education, which may further develop and explore the possible improvements in the education of children of elementary school age.

2. That Synod consider the desirability of

a. A more intensive study of the problems of the preschool age;

b. Encourage the work of adult education.

3. That in the new election an effort be made to elect or appoint to each one of the boards at least one member who has made a special study of the work of that respective area.

4. That each Board be empowered to select representation from its midst to serve for a period of three years on the proposed Council of Christian Education.

5. That the committees and the Council of Christian Education propose to Synod for ratification further regulations governing their organization and activities.

This overture of the Northern Illinois District Board of Education was, on recommendation of Committee 1, referred to the Board for Higher Education, the Board of Christian Education, and the Young People's Board for further study.

This action also disposes of Memorial No. 147, an overture of the Northern Illinois District requesting Synod "to appoint a committee to study the problem of the integration of the educational work throughout Synod."

II. ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

(Memorial 201)

Report of the Board of Christian Education

The centennial of the Saxon immigration is also the centennial of Christian education in our Church. It was the concern for the future of their children with respect to church and school that constituted the strongest motive for the emigration of the Saxon Lutherans to America. A few days after their arrival in St. Louis a school was opened. The log seminary which was erected shortly after their removal from St. Louis to Perry County, Mo., might well be taken as a symbol of the educational ideal of the Church which, under God, owes its existence to the stalwart confessionalism and indomitable courage of the founding fathers. According to the Constitution of the Synod, which was organized in 1847, two of the purposes of Synod are "the training of ministers and teachers" and "the furtherance of parochial schools and thorough instruction for confirmation." Convinced that the welfare of their Church would be dependent upon Christian instruction and training, they were determined to provide for elementary and higher education. A school as well as a church was established in every parish in

Perry County, and this became the practise as the Synod spread over many other States.

The attitude of the Missouri Synod has not changed with regard to Christian education. We train pastors and teachers; we further parochial schools; we insist on thorough instruction for confirmation; and we have for many years been making use of additional educational agencies. This emphasis on Christian education is a distinctive feature of our Lutheran Church. It is a heritage of the fathers which God in His great mercy has preserved unto us and for which we must not fail to be truly grateful.

It is true, much of the first love and ardor, of the spirit of sacrifice and devotion to the children, has escaped us in the course of a century. That conviction should humble us and lead us to repentance. It is no doubt true that in numerous individual cases the Christian education of the children is taken too lightly, both in the church and in the family; that, for example, children are unnecessarily deprived of a Christian school and no real effort is made otherwise to approximate as nearly as possible the daily instruction and training of such a school, since about half of our congregations and preaching stations restrict themselves to the Sunday-school prior to confirmation instruction. In some cases more is not well possible, but this very general practise is certainly a symptom of decline since the days of our fathers and calls for a change of our ways, for a renewed application to duty.

But it can also be said to the glory of God that we have not forsaken the policy of the fathers. This is true both of the many congregations that maintain or seek to establish a Christian school, and the many others who, unable to have the school, strive in every other way to give their children, brought up in the public school, the best possible religious instruction. There was probably never a time in the history of Synod when Synod as such, both in general and in the Districts, concerned itself more diligently with the education of the youth than right now through specially appointed boards and superintendents and through the officials down to the circuit Visitor. The educational agencies themselves, the schools, Sunday-schools, Saturday- and summer-schools, confirmation and postconfirmation instruction, are being constantly improved and are apparently on a level never before attained. This is also true of our teachers' colleges, the scholarship of teachers, school-buildings and their equipment, books and literature for the educational agencies, and pupil achievement; it is true also of the preparation of pastors for educational work in their congregations, which had always been rather meager.

While keenly mindful of our failings and shortcomings and aware also of the grave consequences which continued indifference

and laxity in educational work will have for individual congregations and the Synod as a whole, your Board of Christian Education believes it has every reason to take a confident view of the educational situation in Synod. "Through God we shall do valiantly," Ps. 60:12.

The Board

The Board of Christian Education has held monthly meetings, including two plenary meetings a year with representatives of the seminaries and normal schools. Particular attention, during the past triennium, was given to home rehabilitation; to a more effective and systematic promotion of Christian education, through the circuit Visitor in conjunction with the District Board of Education; to the coming centennial and centennial publications; to a training program for Sunday-school teachers, through a special committee appointed by the President of Synod; to special Sunday-school problems, by means of an advisory Sunday-school Conference; to the creation of a special school extension fund and a number of other subjects of varying importance. Some of these subjects were committed to the Board for study by the last synodical convention, and they will be taken up under separate headings.

Home Rehabilitation. — The Cleveland Convention in 1935 resolved:

"That the Board of Christian Education be, and hereby is, instructed to make the rehabilitation of the home, as the most important agency for the Christian education and training of our children, one of its major objectives for the next triennium and that the President of Synod, the District Presidents, the Visitors, the Board of Christian Education, and the pastors be directed to lend their full cooperation in this undertaking." (*Proceedings*, p. 99.)

Our Board immediately took up this matter in its meetings, evolved quite an elaborate and ambitious program, repeatedly brought the subject to the attention of the cooperating boards and officials, and stressed the matter in the *seminars* of the Visitors' Conference in 1936 and of the Centennial Conference in 1937. The Board issued monthly articles for District papers under the title of a "Series on the Christian Home" (both German and English). Through the courtesy of Concordia Publishing House 200,000 copies of *Build the Family Altar* (a radio sermon of Dr. Walter A. Maier) were printed for general distribution.

Our program called for more systematic and intensive work, but owing to lack of facilities only the very beginnings of the program could be attempted. The matter, in our opinion, is so important that Synod should provide both money and help to carry on an adequate and permanent home department, to issue a parents' magazine, and in general to safeguard and strengthen what Synod

in the resolution above has rightly chosen to call "the most important agency for the Christian education and training of our children."

Systematic Promotion of Christian Education. — At the Visitors' Conference in River Forest, Ill., September, 1936, the chairman and the secretary of schools worked in the *seminars* toward more effective promotion of our educational endeavors through direct and systematic participation of the Visitors. (Resolution of the Cleveland Convention, *Proceedings*, p. 101, 1.) District boards were invited to join the Visitors in this endeavor, and there have been some initial results. Furthermore, through the cooperation of several District boards of education and especially their secretaries of schools or superintendents, plans were evolved for such systematic promotion of education. All the Visitors of Synod received from our Board suggestions and survey outlines for this work. Considerable assistance was given several Districts upon their request to supply special school visitors (teacher assistants to the circuit Visitors) with guiding principles and points for observation in their supervisory duties. This work is still in its initial stages and needs much attention, especially by Districts, to put it into fuller operation.

Centennial Preparations. — At the Centennial Conference held in St. Louis, September, 1937, the chairman and the secretary of schools conducted the *seminars* on Christian education and are serving as advisory members of the Call of the Cross Centennial Committee. At the request of this committee, the secretary of schools has also written outlines and other materials for teachers' conferences.

In conjunction with the General Centennial Committee our Board has planned several centennial publications, to wit: 1. The Educational History from 1837 to 1847 (a research bulletin). 2. A Children's Centennial Booklet, for schools and Sunday-schools. 3. Children's Services.

Research Work in Education.—From time to time special problems in education make it necessary to institute research work. Special investigations and surveys have been made with regard to the Saturday-school and religious instruction in the day-schools. A number of historical studies by independent workers are now available in printed form and other studies are in preparation. The need of such studies in a body as large as ours is becoming increasingly apparent. We believe that both in our elementary and higher education there is need for continued research work, and our Board therefore endorses the memorial of the Southern Illinois Teachers' Conference asking for the establishment of a research department or the appropriation of a fund for research work.

Schools

Early Statistics.—The impression prevails that the schools sustained extremely heavy losses during and immediately after the World War. This is decidedly not the case. Before 1918, and to some extent up to 1921 and later, all conceivable forms of instruction or agency were reported as "parochial schools," including Saturday- and summer-schools, confirmation instruction, or even the instruction given by a missionary in an outpost only one day a month. Several Districts were closely investigated. One which was credited with 260 "parochial schools" in 1917 was found to have only 118 regular schools and 142 other forms recorded as schools. Since 1918 the revised statistical questionnaires have brought about a more exact classification of schools and part-time agencies of religious instruction. The corrected figures reveal that there has been a wholesome growth in the number of full-time schools in Synod. Since 1917—21 the number of schools has increased from 1,277 to 1,370 in 1927 and to 1,380 in 1936.

Statistics for the Last Five Years

	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
Number of schools	1,377	1,347	1,360	1,368	1,380
Enrolment	79,204	78,596	78,681	77,667	76,811
Teachers	1,362	1,289	1,289	1,297	1,285
Woman Teachers	392	348	330	327	349
Pastors Teaching	349	341	339	319	329
Students	128*	130*	100*	115*	135†
Candidates	52	173	222	216	214

* Including from 53 to 57 lay teachers in Brazil
† Including 69 lay teachers in Brazil

School Extension Fund. — The Cleveland convention in 1935 resolved:

"That the memorial recommending the creation of a parochial-school extension fund, submitted by the Rev. P. G. Prokopy (Unprinted Memorial 32), be referred to the Board of Christian Education, with the instruction that these recommendations be studied carefully and that a report and, if it is deemed advisable to establish such a fund, also a detailed working-plan be submitted to the next convention." (*Proceedings,* p. 101, 7.)

Our Board brought this question to the attention of District boards of education, superintendents, mission boards, Presidents, general officials, and others (mission directors, teachers' colleges), asking for facts regarding the policies and practises obtaining now and opinions on a special fund. At the time of this writing the study is not completed, but the findings of the Board will be presented to Synod in a special unprinted memorial.

Special Publications. — Partly under the auspices of our Board

there is to be published a *History of Lutheran Schools in America,* including all Lutheran synods, written by Prof. Walter H. Beck of Seward as a Doctors' dissertation. A book of about 300 pages. — We have also approved a memory booklet for little children, based on Luther's Catechism and writen by Gottlieb Taggatz, deceased. It will cover the memory work of the first two grades in our schools and is so arranged that it can be used as a primary instruction in Catechism and also by parents in the home. — A Primary Bible History in about first-reader language is under consideration. — The Board dealt for several years with the question of a general course of study for our schools, but the study of this subject is not completed. — The publication of the curricula for the individual school subjects was continued in the past triennium. — A Luther book in English, on the order of Johann Schiller's *Dr. Martin Luther ueber die christliche Erziehung der Jugend,* has been prepared and should be on the market soon.

The Teacher-Candidate Situation. — The teacher-candidate situation is not the same as that of the ministerial candidates. We have had no oversupply of teachers. Our teacher candidates are in regular teaching positions, and, in addition, the demand for student teachers from both teachers' colleges continues to be greater than the supply.

However, there are two undesirable situations that we wish to bring to the attention of Synod: 1. The general candidate situation has reduced the enrolment at our teachers' colleges to a wholly inadequate level for the ordinary demands of Synod. 2. The temporary placement of teacher candidates continues, with its attendant evils for both the schools and the teachers, if not its ultimate effect on pastors and our church-work generally.

Education and the Centennial. — We urge that during the coming centennial of the Saxon immigration our schools and elementary education in general be furthered in a true spirit of rededication to the policies and practises of the fathers. Among other things, we recommend that Lutheran communities and visiting circuits give attention to the establishment of central schools.

Sunday-Schools

As our Church has withstood the assault of Modernism, so our Sunday-schools have remained conservative and are second only to the Christian day-school and confirmation instruction in laying the foundations of the Christian faith and life in elementary Christian education.

Outreach of the Sunday-School. — Far greater attention should be given to evangelism in the future for the obvious reason that

millions of American men, women, and children have no church affiliations. The decrease in enrolment, which has been felt keenly by most denominations, is reflected also in our statistics. A bird's-eye view of the situation is presented in the following table:

Sunday-School Statistics

Year	Schools	Gains and Losses	Pupils	Gains and Losses	Child Baptisms	Marriages
1930	2,849	115	210,988	9,808	— 186	1,241
1931	3,041	192	223,024	12,036	— 36	— 828
1932	3,107	66	233,279	10,255	— 1,923	— 1,297
1933	3,240	133	244,133	10,854	516	1,405
1934	3,346	106	252,487	8,354	1,552	2,010
1935	3,345	— 1	251,295	— 1,192	298	1,094
1936	3,415	70	249,229	— 2,066	1,220	1,101

After an average annual gain of 10,000 pupils over a period of years we experienced a sharp decrease, landing us in the minus column. If all the factors which play into these figures could be considered, there would probably not be much cause for alarm. We shall mention several of these factors. One is the annual questionnaire from which the tables for the *Statistical Year-book* are compiled. Changes have been made in these questionnaires from time to time; pastors are becoming more exact in crediting pupils to the proper columns, and the losses may represent, in part, a redistribution. Again, some Sunday-schools are periodically purging their enrolment records. A glance at the figures in the *Statistical Year-books* which record the increase in the number of souls in Synod will indicate the chief reason why there are fewer children in Sunday-school. Certainly the depression plays into our figures, for it reduced the number of marriages appreciably. Since 1933 there has been an increase in the number of marriages and also in the number of births. We feel justified in affirming that our Sunday-school has held its own, that is to say, our pupils are not drifting away from the Sunday-school into an unchurched existence. That the birth-rate is not sufficiently large to ensure what should be regarded as the normal growth of the Sunday-school is a statement which will hardly be challenged. Losses in Sunday-school enrolment in the United States during the past few years have been computed at several millions, and it is said that there are about 17 million boys and girls between the ages of four and eighteen who are not attending any Sunday-school. The total number of unreached children and young people is said to be in excess of 25 million. What a vast field for evangelism awaits the active and aggressive Church!

The Board of Education deems the adolescent problem of sufficient importance to deserve special mention. Our youth during the critical postconfirmation years are exposed to peculiar dangers in high school and elsewhere and are in need of sympathy, counsel, and spiritual guidance. Every possible effort should be put forth to enlist them in the Sunday morning and week-day evening Bible classes and to keep them under the influence of the Word of God. More care should be exercised in the selection and preparation of teachers for our junior Bible classes. We deceive ourselves if we think that adolescents will be prompted by a spirit of loyalty to attend the Bible class and take an interest in Bible-study. The Bible-class department of the Sunday-school calls for exceptionally good teachers. Unless the teachers are well versed in the Scriptures, have a sympathetic understanding of the adolescent, and employ sound teaching methods, they will not be able to motivate the young people properly for the study of God's Word and the young people will not profit as they should even if they do attend class from a spirit of loyalty.

Sunday-School Literature. — If the Sunday-school as an educational agency is to achieve its objective, and if it is to be maintained at a high standard of efficiency, good literature and effective teaching must be the chief considerations. Various improvements have been made in the literature, and plans for further improvement are being laid. The Board wishes to express its appreciation for the loyal and cooperative spirit of the workers in the field. Our circulation has increased from year to year, the number of leaflets issued in 1937 exceeding that of any previous year. In agreement with a resolution of the Cleveland convention a children's weekly entitled *The Child's Companion* was launched early in 1937. It has met with a favorable reception.

Preparation of Teachers. — In the fall of 1936 the venerable President of Synod appointed a special committee to project a teacher-training program. This committee has worked indefatigably in planning an integrated series of booklets. A special committee report appears on another page of this volume. Every Protestant denomination has been brought to the realization that much of its ineffective religious teaching is due to the Church's failure to equip the lay teachers and that permanent results cannot be expected unless the teachers are thoroughly trained. As an agency for teacher-training the regular weekly teachers' meeting should be accorded first place and should be encouraged everywhere by those responsible for raising the standard of the Sunday-school. We are glad to report that a considerable proportion of our teachers are attending regular weekly or biweekly meetings. During the past three years the organization of associations has continued steadily.

Under the auspices of associations some excellent training institutes are being held. It is hoped that the new *Teacher-training Courses* will give an impetus to teacher-training throughout our Church. During the past three years the correspondence school for Sunday-school teachers has also enjoyed an increase in enrolment. About three hundred teachers are taking the course. In general, the outlook for the Sunday-school is favorable. We have reason to thank God for the earnestness with which our pastors and leaders are approaching their Sunday-school problems and for the humble spirit of consecration manifested by the lay workers in our Sunday-schools.

Other Agencies

Saturday-Schools, Etc.

	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
Saturday-schools	859	708	399†	823	907
Enrolment	16,688	14,700	9,045	17,075	17,180
Summer-schools	554	606	792	739	850
Enrolment	13,065	16,560	23,676	21,708	23,389
Week-day Classes	*	*	*	1,327	1,643
Enrolment	*	*	*	21,142	23,678
Christenlehre	*	*	*	*	413

* No record † Incomplete figures

NOTE. — These institutions, except *Christenlehre*, are in some instances only confirmation classes.

Even a well-regulated Sunday-school, while it may be an excellent missionary agency, will not serve adequately as an agency for the instruction and training of Christian children. It should therefore be supplemented by one or more of the following agencies: Saturday-school, summer-school, week-day religious instruction. The tabulation above would seem to indicate that all of these agencies are on the increase; but they are not being used nearly as extensively as is necessary if our children are to be sufficiently instructed and guided in Christian doctrine and life. The possibilities of several of these agencies can be shown in brief. A Saturday-school maintained throughout the year would mean an additional 100 to 150 hours of religious instruction; in fact, the Saturday-school has an advantage over the Sunday-school in the number of hours devoted to religious instruction. Summer-schools are opened after the close of the school term and usually continue over a period of 4 to 6 weeks, while week-day religious instruction is held during public-school time, or before or after school hours. The Lutheran Church, which has always manifested the greatest concern for its children and youth, should certainly not fail to avail itself of any agency of religious instruction which promises to supplement the modest instruction of the Sunday-school.

The Most Necessary Things in Our Elementary Education

1. Far more elaborate and systematic work in behalf of the *home.*

2. More all-around aggressiveness in the *establishment of schools.*

3. A much more effective and systematic *upbuilding of all our educational work* through the Circuit Visitors in conjunction and cooperation with District Boards of Education.

4. A more uniform and liberal practise throughout all Districts with regard to *subsidizing schools.*

5. *Much more work in Christian education* by approximately one half of our congregations, which maintain only a Sunday-school, if they are in a position to do more.

6. The careful weekly or biweekly *guidance of Sunday-school teachers* and their special training in institutes and by means of special courses.

7. *More systematic supervision* of our educational work, especially of the schools, and therefore a wider establishment of the regular superintendency. (The present school superintendents also supervise the other educational work.)

8. *Adequate man-power* for the office of Synod's Board of Christian Education.

9. A concerted effort to bring some of the millions of unchurched men, women, and children of America into the church, the school, and the Sunday-school.

Recommendations

The Board of Christian Education recommends

1. The employment of an additional man to assist in the school office. The Board is ready to call an Executive Secretary, as authorized by the Milwaukee Convention, but finds it necessary to request an additional man to take care of the increasing work.

2. The establishment of a research department in Synod to serve elementary and higher education as well as other endeavors of Synod. For the time being, we recommend that Synod set aside a minimum sum of $2,500 annually for this purpose and designate a board or committee to administer this fund. We presume that the research work would be carried on primarily by our colleges and seminaries, but also by our Board of Christian Education, the Committee on Higher Education, and other units or individuals of Synod, under the supervision and by the approval of the aforementioned administrative board.

3. Improvements with regard to subsidizing schools, according

to our recommendations in a special memorial, entitled "School Extension Fund." This memorial is submitted in answer to a request of the Cleveland Convention in 1935.

4. Particular attention, especially in the circuits and by Circuit Visitors, to the establishment of central or union schools on the part of two or more congregations where it is difficult for individual congregations to maintain schools alone.

5. Continuation and increase of the effort in behalf of the home. We suggest that Synod provide the necessary means and help to carry out an adequate home program.

6. We recommend that Synod define the status of the woman teacher in our parochial schools.

7. In the interest of our parish-school system we recommend to the serious consideration of Synod the proposal of adding a fourth college year at our normal schools.

THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
PAUL KOENIG, *Chairman*
JOHN M. RUNGE, *Secretary*

On the first part of this report *Committee 7* brought in the following report and *recommendations:*

With fervent gratitude to God we are happy to report to the Centennial Convention that after one hundred years of the existence of our Church in this country the important matter of Christian education is still receiving wide-spread interest and the active attention on the part of the various Districts of Synod. We wish to commend the Board of Christian Education, the Secretary of Schools, the editor of the Sunday-school literature, the District boards of education, as well as all other workers for their faithful and efficient services for the promotion and improvement of Christian education. We are mindful of the sacrifices that congregations, teachers, and pastors have brought in the interest of maintaining Christian education on a high level, so that in spite of great difficulties the number of our Christian day-schools has remained practically constant. Greater efforts are made than ever before to improve also other agencies for Christian education in our circles, the Sunday-school, Saturday-school, the daily vacation Bible-school, confirmation and postconfirmation instruction. Improvement has also become apparent in our teachers' colleges, the scholarship of teachers, school-buildings and their equipment, books and literature for the educational agencies and pupil achievement, also in the preparation of pastors for educational work in their congregations. We wish to commend also those teachers who availed themselves of the benefits of summer institutes and other

agencies for in-service training and the congregations which make it possible for their teachers to do so. For all this let us rejoice and thank God.

However, the fact remains that the Christian education of children is in many cases taken too lightly both in the church and in the family. Children are unnecessarily deprived of a Christian school, and no real effort is made otherwise to approximate as nearly as possible the daily instruction and training of such a school. About half of our congregations and preaching-stations restrict themselves to the Sunday-school prior to confirmation instruction. Such practise is certainly a symptom of decline since the days of our fathers and calls for a change in our ways.

Since emphasis on Christian education is a distinctive feature of our Lutheran Church and a glorious heritage of our fathers, which God in His great mercy has preserved unto us,

We *recommend* that Synod, at this Centennial Convention, rededicate itself to the principles of the fathers and earnestly encourage a more effective promotion of our educational endeavors, especially through more direct and systematic participation of the Visitors in their respective circuits in conjunction with the District boards of Christian education.

The Board of Christian Education of Synod stands ready to lend its assistance for a thoroughgoing, complete-coverage procedure for promoting the educational work, congregation by congregation and circuit by circuit, regardless of the kind of educational agencies employed.

Particular attention by the circuit Visitors is to be given the establishment of central, or union, schools, in rural as well as in urban communities, on the part of two or more congregations where it is difficult for individual congregations to maintain schools alone. They are also not to overlook the importance of keeping the present schools in existence.

We *recommend* furthermore that also our other educational agencies, the Sunday-school, the Saturday-school, summer-school, week-day religious instruction, etc., be used to their best possible advantage, also as missionary agencies.

Sunday-School Literature

Your Committee recognizes that improvements have been made in late years in our Sunday-school literature. However, owing to varying needs and continued requests for further improvement we *recommend* that Synod adopt the suggestion of Memorial 203 that the President of Synod appoint a committee to study the problem of providing more adequate literature for Sunday-schools and other part-time agencies.

Preparation of Ministerial Candidates for Teaching

Acting upon the recommendation of the Educational Conference, your Committee commends the theological seminaries for extending their instruction in pedagogy, and we concur with the Educational Conference in urgently petitioning them to make whatever additions of courses in education may be necessary to meet the present-day requirements of the Church. These include full qualification to teach and to supervise the teaching in Christian day-schools and other educational institutions, with a possibility of obtaining without difficulty the professional standing demanded by the respective States. To this end be it

Resolved, That our seminary faculties, in conjunction with the new Board of Higher Education, be requested to make a comprehensive study of the requirements demanded for teacher certification by the various States and make the necessary adaptations in the pedagogical courses to meet the requirements as closely as may be possible in harmony with the pursuit of the Lutheran aim; and be it further

Resolved, That the attention of the pastors and the candidates for the ministry be directed to summer courses in education now being offered by our teachers' colleges and that theological students be encouraged to pursue an entire year of normal work at River Forest or Seward during their term of absence from the theological seminary.

Teacher-Candidate Situation

The teacher-candidate situation is not the same as that of the ministerial candidates. We have had no oversupply of teachers. Our teacher candidates are in regular teaching positions, and, in addition, the demand for student teachers from both teachers' colleges continues to be greater than the supply.

However, there are two undesirable situations that we wish to bring to the attention of Synod: 1) The general candidate situation has reduced the enrolment at our teachers' colleges to a wholly inadequate level for the ordinary demands of Synod. Therefore your Committee encourages the congregations of Synod to send more boys to the normal schools. 2) The temporary placement of teacher candidates continues, with its attendant evils for both the schools and the teachers, if not its ultimate effect on pastors and our church-work generally. Your Committee *recommends* that Synod go on record as discouraging the temporary placement of our normal graduates.

Action of Synod: The report and recommendations of Committee 7 were *adopted.*

Sunday-School-Teacher Training

On this subject, which was treated also in Memorial 202, Committee 7 brought in the following report and *recommendations:*

Synod in its convention at Cleveland adopted in the report of the Board of Christian Education the statement "that pastors be held to prepare their lay members for work in the Sunday-school and that pastors and congregations make such provisions for the training of Sunday-school teachers, so that the time may soon come when no teacher will teach in a Missouri Synod Sunday-school who has not received at least some training."

The Honorable President of Synod appointed the following committee for the purpose of providing materials so that this request of Synod could be carried out: Professors P. E. Kretzmann, E. J. Friedrich, Theo. Kuehnert, and W. O. Kraeft; and Pastors Paul Koenig and A. C. Mueller. This committee has published three books to date, and others are in preparation.

Your Committee *recommends:*

1. That Synod approve the appointment of this committee;

2. That Synod authorize the completion of this work by the same committee;

3. That the Board of Directors be empowered to authorize the necessary expenses in carrying out this work;

4. That Synod encourage all congregations to use the material provided.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

School Fund

Committee 7 considered Unprinted Memorial 18 on a School Fund and brought in its *recommendations,* which were *adopted* in the following form:

Your Committee *recommends:*

1. That the Districts of Synod be advised to make appropriations in their annual budget for the establishment and support of parochial schools in mission-congregations and, if necessary, also in self-supporting congregations;

2. That District mission boards, as heretofore, make appropriations for schools in the mission-congregations under their jurisdiction from the school fund and that Districts, at their discretion, designate either the Mission Board or the District Board of Education, or both, acting jointly, to make subsidies from this fund for schools in self-supporting congregations;

3. That a Synodical School Fund be created;

4. That the Secretary of Missions and the Secretary of Schools, together with their boards, be directed to determine and to suggest

to the Board of Directors of Synod and the Fiscal Conference the approximate amount necessary to meet the needs.

Note. — It is understood that the main support of schools must, as now, come from the Districts, whether they are receiving a subsidy from Synod or not, and that aid by Synod be, as now, special and temporary. It is further understood that Synod will make no special subsidies, except by approval of the respective District. Synod's part, as now in mission expansion, will be to aid Districts in special cases of school establishment or maintenance.

"Detailed Working Plan" for School Fund

The following "Detailed Working Plan," containing rules and regulations to govern the Synodical School Fund, was referred to the committee which will have this matter in charge:

1. The fund shall be known as the School Fund.
2. Its purpose shall be twofold:
   a. Emergency maintenance of existing schools;
   b. The establishment of schools.
3. Its general object shall be to aid in the maintenance and expansion of our parochial-school system.
4. The fund shall be at the disposal of all Districts alike, whether they are subsidized by Synod or not.
5. The regular subsidies to Districts shall in no way be affected or altered by the presence of a School Fund.
6. Subsidies from this fund shall be granted only upon request or approval of the respective District or its boards.
7. The fund shall be equally accessible to the General Home Missions Board (Secretary of Missions) for subsidies to mission-schools and to the Board of Christian Education (Secretary of Schools) for subsidies to schools not under the jurisdiction of mission boards.
8. Expenditures from the fund shall remain within the budget amount set aside by Synod for this purpose.
9. Subsidies in any case shall not be made for more than one year at a time, the understanding being that the respective District will thereafter assume responsibility.
10. It shall be permissible, however, for the recipient of the subsidy to renew his application through the District Board from year to year over a period of not more than three years.
11. In every case of subsidy from the School Fund the recipient congregation or the respective District Board shall, from the beginning, carry at least one fourth of the financial load involved in the subsidized project; in a possible second year of subsidy from Synod the recipient congregation or District Board shall carry at least one half, and in a third year three fourths. The principle underlying this restriction is chiefly to aid as widely as possible and also to guard against an undue shifting of the burden of school subsidy away from the Districts.
12. Applications for subsidy, if a missionary project, should be approved by the District Mission Board and sent to the Home Missions Board (Secretary of Missions); in all other cases they should be approved by the District Board of Education and sent to Synod's Board of Christian Education (Secretary of Schools). But both boards, in the Districts and in the Synod, shall keep each other constantly informed on applications received and subsidies granted.

Woman Teachers. Government Subsidies

Committee 7 brought in the following *recommendations* on Woman Teachers and Government Subsidies:

Since woman teachers have been employed in our Christian day-schools for years and Synod is giving women a normal training equivalent to that of men at Seward, and since frequent requests have been made for a clear definition as to the status of woman teachers, your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Board of Christian Education that the Honorable President of Synod appoint a committee to define the status of the woman teacher in our parochial schools.

Whereas recent developments in Government subsidies to individuals, groups, and institutions for educational pursuits have raised questions of far-reaching implications with regard to the policy of State aid to pupils and students attending church-schools, your Committee concurs in the following recommendation of the Educational Conference: That we respectfully request the President of Synod to appoint a committee of thoroughly qualified men to study present-day trends in this direction, draw up an opinion on the questions of principles involved, and make available the results of their findings to all District boards of education as early as possible during the next triennium.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

Executive Secretary

In regard to an Executive Secretary for the Board of Christian Education, Committee 7 brought in the following *recommendations:*

1. In reference to the statement of the Board of Christian Education that it is ready to call an Executive Secretary, your Committee begs to remind the Honorable Synod that this office was created by the Milwaukee Convention in 1932. Your Committee recommends that this resolution be now carried out.

2. Owing to the increased amount of work in the School Office of the Board of Education your Committee furthermore recommends that Synod approve the Board's request for an additional man to assist in the school office.

Action of Synod: Paragraph 1 was *adopted.* Paragraph 2 was *referred* to the Board of Christian Education jointly with the Board of Directors.

Research Work in Lutheran Education

(Memorial 123)

WHEREAS, Research and testing in secular education has done much to improve teaching in those branches; and

WHEREAS, Much that should be known about the results of education cannot be determined in any other way than by research and measurement; and

WHEREAS, Even in the field of religious education there is much that can and should be determined by research and measurement and our Church should not be denied the benefits that come from the results of such study; and

WHEREAS, We believe this can be effected by having more research work in Lutheran education done under the control of Synod; and

WHEREAS, At the present time a number of men in the faculties of the normal schools have sufficient interest and training in the field of research; and

WHEREAS, None of them have the necessary time and funds to devote to research projects, though several years ago a complete plan has been adopted by the faculty and the Board of Control of River Forest for conducting research through the summer-school; therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition the Hon. Synod *to establish a research bureau in Lutheran education at our Concordia Teachers' College at River Forest* and provide sufficient funds to do this work properly.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE
H. C. F. ROEHL, *Chairman*

On this, Committee 7 brought in the following *recommendation:*

Acting on Overture 123 and an endorsement of this overture by the Board of Christian Education, your Committee recommends that Synod make provision for research in Lutheran elementary education by appropriating $1,000 per annum, the work to be done under the direction of, and the fund to be administered by, the Board of Christian Education.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

III. YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

Report of Board for Young People's Work

(Memorial 301. Cf. Unprinted Memorials 2 and 28)

Soon after the Cleveland convention of 1935 your Board for Young People's Work resumed its regular monthly meetings and other activities to carry out the resolutions and instructions of Synod and to plan and undertake such other enterprises as are commonly classified as young people's work. Specifically this term includes only those matters which directly refer to the Christian education and training of young people. Broadly speaking, however, the term includes the consideration of all those matters or factors which favorably or adversely affect their spiritual development. Thus understood, young people's work concerns itself with young men and young women as members of the Church, with their continuing growth and preparation for intelligent and consecrated participation in the affairs of the Church, with helping them to build and strengthen a Christian philosophy of life as it may be improved or impaired by countless contacts and forces of their daily vocation or avocation. In directing our work to these ends, we have come to appreciate that our efforts must be both positively constructive and *vorbeugend.*

In discharging its duties for the Synod, your Board has consistently kept in mind the limitations imposed by the nature of its work as a synodical committee whose duty it is to improve and unify young people's work, without violating the rights and responsibilities of local autonomy, or to assume duties which rightfully belong to the home and the home congregation. Ours is the task to assist in the direction of this work so as to keep it in accord with principles and policies of the Synod as a whole.

Throughout the triennium we have relied for assistance on the many District committees. They have regularly given us detailed reports of their activities and submitted numerous suggestions for the general improvement of young people's work. At intervals, digests of these District materials are prepared and mailed to all District committees and officers of Synod. In this connection we are happy to report that our recent digest contained items of value from every District committee of the United States and Canada. Our brethren in South America reported with regret that young people's work there is hampered by lack of men who have time to give to it. It is the diligence and fine spirit of cooperation of the District committees which enable your Board to serve as a clearing-house for information and supervision. The major por-

tion of our work is done by correspondence. As chairman of the Board, Dr. Graebner gives considerable time and thought to communications with the District committees, circuit officers, pastoral conferences, and local leaders of clergy and laity. He also plans and conducts the regular meetings, of which there have been some thirty during the past term. In addition to these regular meetings there have been numerous special conferences for special problems. Our Board has been represented at many synodical District conventions and at meetings of smaller groups. Outstanding among such meetings were the Conference of Visitors at River Forest in 1936 and the *seminar* at our St. Louis Concordia in 1937. We acknowledge gratefully the generosity of Mr. L. H. Waltke, who financed these conferences. It is also worthy of note that a preconvention meeting of District representatives for young people's work will be held in connection with the Delegate Synod. This is the first time a gathering of this group has been arranged, and we hope that the success will warrant their continuance hereafter.

The very valuable assistance given by the Walther League to the cause of youth conservation should be increasingly appreciated by the Synod and its congregations. We are in a position to know the executives and other leaders of the League and to observe the work and study the policies of the organization. It is our considered judgment that the League is getting a reasonably high degree of program penetration at a cost commensurate with its achievements. This applies not only to the administration of its general program but also to the Unite the Youth Endeavor.

The Unite the Youth Endeavor is a project of continental proportions. It is still too early to measure the final results of the enterprise, but already very favorable reports of growth and improvement are arriving from many sections of the country. One pastor remarked that the results achieved by the U. Y. E. in his congregation were among the most gratifying experiences of many years in the ministry. Certainly the progress thus far recorded would have been impossible, at least in so short a time, without the well-organized drive and power and resources of the Walther League. The prominence of the League in the endeavor has in some quarters led to the belief that the U. Y. E. is nothing more than a Synod-wide membership drive by and for the Walther League. This is a misconception. Fundamentally it is an intensified expansion of the Synod-wide roll-call which has been conducted annually by your Board for Young People's Work through the statistical office of Synod. Obviously the League has played a major role in the U. Y. E.: it has supplied the needed materials, given its leadership, and enlisted a host of workers for the good of the whole cause of young people's work. The League has earned its prominence by its service. If, as a result of the U. Y. E., numerous young people's societies are organized or revivified, we should acknowledge the work of the League. If many of these societies resolve, with the consent of their respective congregation, to affiliate with the League, we should be pleased. If societies here and there need encouragement to join the League, we should give it. If additional funds are needed to carry on this work in the local congregation, the congregation should be willing to supply them. Through years of experience and acquaintance with the organization we have found that the League helps young people's work, and we are therefore ready to recommend League affiliation to all societies. Our readiness to do so is supported by several synodical resolutions. These resolutions express more than mere official recognition of the League. They also declare approval of its program, a program so varied and complete that a member of President Roosevelt's Cabinet pronounced it as ranking among the high three youth organizations in the United States.*

That young people's work is receiving more attention is indicated by the proceedings of synodical District conventions, circuit conferences, and meetings of teachers and other groups. We wish to encourage such discussions and studies and to recommend them to other bodies for adoption on the program.

However, it seems that this consideration should apply especially to young people of so-called junior age, those ranging from thirteen to seventeen. These have frequently been called the difficult and awkward years of adolescence, and the problem of development during these years has been the subject of much careful investigation. Yet this critical period of growth and change can be very fruitful of good if the progress of the boys and girls is wisely directed. In addition to parental guidance and pastoral care they need fellowship with their kind. This can be provided in part by societies maintained especially for them. The boys and girls in their last year at day-school can be gradually accustomed to the idea of joining the junior society after their confirmation. The resourceful teacher will find ways and means to work a portion of the junior program into the school-day (topic studies, Bible-studies, model meetings, and recreation). Thus prepared, the boy or girl will find it comparatively easy to adjust himself or herself

* In order to define the relation between the Walther League and the Missouri Synod (one of the bodies in which the League operates), your Board, in consultation with President Pfotenhauer, adopted a number of principles at a meeting held March 5, 1934. Under these principles your Board has been operating. Copies of the principles will be supplied to the synodical reviewing committee.

to the new relationship. The society should be under the watchful and understanding care of responsible and competent leaders. These leaders, under the guidance of the pastor, should function as a board for young people's work for the local congregation.

The congregation should be kept informed regarding the activities of the society by means of detailed reports at congregational meetings. Such reports should touch upon routine matters of the society and seek to arouse interest in finding a solution to problems peculiar to the junior organization. In many instances such problems will include those regulations which govern the place, time, and frequency of the meetings, which should be timed and conducted so as to permit the youthful members to return home at a reasonable hour. Since the members are generally not wage-earners, the congregation itself may consider an adequate subsidy from its treasury as a satisfactory substitute for the collection of membership fees. In addition to the basic program for Christian education numerous activities in handicraft and other projects are to be recommended. Suggestions for such work have been prepared by the Walther League.

Correspondence with Boy Scout officials has continued during the triennium, and further adjustments have been made, especially with regard to unionistic services at jamborees and camps. Missouri Synod Scouts in attendance at the Washington assembly of 1937 were directed to churches of our Synod. Our attitude in this matter is therefore recognized and the agreement observed. With this further concession officially granted, our control of Lutheran troups is absolute in those features for which we properly require it.

As one studies the whole field of young people's work, one special need rises in the foreground. That is consecrated and competent guidance. Without it the best-laid plans and objectives cannot be achieved. The person upon whom the position of guide and leader is imposed has a task that is well worth the doing. It will make demands upon his time and talents that should challenge him to develop as fully as possible all the resources that he can command. To do his work as it needs to be done, he must have the prayerful support of the congregation and the fullest cooperation of the parents. He must avail himself of the advantages of diligent private study and the opportunities for growth supplied by leadership institutes and other conferences with his colaborers. The more nearly we approach excellence in leadership, the greater will be the blessing for the young people themselves, for the congregation, and for our Synod here in time and hereafter in eternity.

THE BOARD FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK
M. J. ROSCHKE, *Secretary*

Report of Committee 8:

I. Young People's Work

A) Synod's Board for Young People's Work.

Your Committee has reviewed the report of Synod's Board for Young People's Work, as found on pages 101—104 of *Reports and Memorials,* and its findings are as follows:

1. WHEREAS, The report shows the zeal of the Board to "improve and unify young people's work and direct the work to keep it in accord with the principles and policies of the Synod as a whole, without violating the rights and responsibilities of local autonomy or assuming duties which rightfully belong to the home and the home congregation," therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recognize and commend the work of the Board.

2. WHEREAS, There has been notably fine cooperation between Synod's Board for Young People's Work and the boards for young people's work in the various Districts of Synod, as is evident from the frequent exchange of suggestions and reports of the respective committees and a mutual working together in promoting the Unite the Youth Endeavor, Youth Conferences, and Young People's Seminars; therefore be it

Resolved, That we commend the various District boards for their active and energetic promotion of youth work among the pastors and congregations of their respective Districts.

3. WHEREAS, The special Youth Conference of District Representatives for Young People's Work held at St. Louis, Tuesday, June 14, before the opening of Synod, was so successful; and

WHEREAS, 18 District boards for young people's work were represented; and

WHEREAS, The work among our Lutheran youth received much stimulation from this conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That we approve of such triennial conferences and that Synod's Board for Young People's Work be encouraged to arrange similar conferences in connection with future meetings of Synod.

B) The Walther League.

WHEREAS, The Walther League continues to be the outstanding youth organization, not only with the church-bodies of the Synodical Conference, but also in comparison with youth organizations generally, as is discernible

1. From its broad, well-balanced program of promoting youth activities along the lines of Christian Knowledge and Christian Ser-

vice to serve the Church through the local congregations under the pastors' leadership,

2. From its constant striving to serve the entire youth of the Church, particularly through the Unite the Youth Endeavor, and

3. From the great host of workers it has enlisted in the Youth Endeavor; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recognize the outstanding service of the League in cooperation with Synod's and the District young people's boards and pray that our pastors and congregations may make use of this youth organization in promoting the spiritual life of our young people.

C) Junior Work.

WHEREAS, The dangers confronting our youth today are admittedly great; and

WHEREAS, The newly confirmed because of physical and psychological development are particularly susceptible to the influences of such dangerous and evil temptations; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod urge the Board for Young People's Work as well as the various District boards for young people's work to place special emphasis upon the work among the adolescents and that our congregations be urged to appoint committees that will aid the pastor in guiding and stimulating work among the adolescents as well as among the adult youth.

II. Creating a Youth Department

Your Committee has carefully examined Unprinted Overture 2 of two conferences of the Southern Illinois District "to create a Young People's Department of Synod."

We beg leave to make the following *recommendation:*

WHEREAS, The Board for Young People's Work has steadily and wisely guided all young people's work within our Synod; and

WHEREAS, There has been evidence of mutual cooperation between our Board and the officially recognized youth organization, the Walther League, particularly in the great project of the Unite the Youth Endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Major financial adjustments would be necessary on the part of the Synod if the proposed plan were adopted; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod express its approval of our Board's actions and that no new arrangements be made which might disturb the present relations.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted* by Synod.

Report of Student Welfare Committee

(Memorial 302. Cf. Memorial 303, 701-B-I, 3)

In presenting the customary report to cover our activities during the past triennium, it may be helpful to recall for a moment the status of Student Welfare Work as the Cleveland convention adjourned. We were definitely encouraged by the fact that the cause of Student Welfare Work had received an increased share of attention on the part of the delegates. Not only in committee but also on the floor of the convention and in the lobby the trend of discussion gave unmistakable evidence that Student Welfare Work was gradually being recognized as an important mission of our Church, a Church which throughout its history has emphasized both the occupation of new fields and the conservation of her strength. Even though the vote to appropriate a larger sum for this phase of church activity and to appoint a full-time Student Secretary was not sufficient to carry, we nevertheless left the Cleveland convention with the impression that Synod as a whole was becoming better acquainted with, and therefore more sympathetic toward, this important phase of church-work.

We are glad to report that our experiences during the past three years have confirmed this impression.

In order that Synod's limited Student Welfare Work might be carried on with Synod's money and without continued reliance upon the resources of our friendly supporters the International Walther League, we petitioned Synod's Board of Directors to grant us an emergency allowance of $900 for the year 1936 and of $1,000 for the years 1937 and 1938. These petitions were favorably received, and the allotted funds enabled us to carry on the activities listed below.

1. Annual Student Census

The annual student census has been developed to a point where fairly reliable statistics are available. A brief summary of these figures presents the following picture for the school-year 1937—38:

Total number of reported away-from-home girl students	809
Total number of reported away-from-home boy students	1,409
Total number of reported at-home students	2,008
Total estimated number of unreported students (away from home and at home)	1,690
Total number of Lutheran students at Valparaiso University	408
Total number of Concordia students enrolled in college classes (school-year 1936—1937)	1,103
Total of all Synodical Conference Students enrolled in schools of higher education	7,427

326 pastors were informed of the presence of students in 546 schools located in the territories served by them

The question has been asked whether a student census pays.

We believe it does. It replaces unreliable estimates with more definite information to show how many of our younger members are engaged in the pursuit of higher secular education; it indicates the schools toward which the youth of our Church is tending to concentrate; and it continues to disclose the names of students whose presence on the campus had remained entirely unknown to our Church. During the last year, pastors in whose community away-from-home students had been reported to us were circularized to ascertain whether the census yielded tangible results beyond mere statistics. The replies were not complete. But if the same ratio as obtained among the men who did answer holds good for those who neglected to reply, then a total of 580 Lutheran students of whose presence on the campus our Church was not aware were discovered through the student census. Without intending to claim that these 580 students would have been lost to our Church except for the census, we believe nevertheless that their "discovery" through the census should be admitted as evidence that the painful process of filling out, sorting, and tabulating the cards has its distinct value.

In closing this part of our report two observations should be made. 1) The response to the last student census was 77 per cent., a decided improvement over former years. 2) To the question addressed to university pastors: "Is it your experience that parents *generally* announce their students to you?" the answer was "No" in 74 per cent. of the replies received. Here evidently is a decided weakness in our Student Welfare Work, even though we concede that the Church should not wait to serve students until their existence is officially brought to her attention via the parents.

We respectfully suggest to Synod

A) To encourage all pastors to cooperate promptly in taking the annual student census;

B) To request particularly the parents to report without delay the presence of their sons and daughters at any non-synodical institution of higher learning to the respective university pastor;

C) To urge that in the selection of institutions of higher learning all possible preference be given to Valparaiso University and to such colleges and universities where our Church is able to offer regular services through one of our pastors.

2. University Pastors' Conference

We have in our Synod today approximately thirty pastors who are engaged entirely in Student Welfare Work or who are able to give this department of church activity more than passing attention. These brethren form the University Pastors' Conference. Their names may be found on page 107 of the 1938 *Lutheran Annual.*

It is only natural that these brethren welcome the opportunity of meeting to discuss the peculiar problems which confront them and to benefit by the mutual exchange of opinion. It is quite as obvious that these conferences, properly arranged, will be of decided benefit to our Church. It is therefore a pleasure for us to record that our funds permitted an annual university pastors' conference in Chicago, which those who have attended describe as a valuable contribution in preparing them more adequately for their tasks. At two of these conferences we were privileged to have the President of Synod, Dr. Behnken, as our guest, and at all the conferences the essayists included also professors of our Seminary or colleges and Valparaiso University.

We respectfully suggest to Synod to express its approval of these university pastors' conferences and to request their continuation.

3. National Association of Lutheran Students

Three years ago we had occasion to report that the wish of some of our Lutheran students for their own organization had resulted in the National Association of Lutheran Students, also known as Gamma Delta. This organization has developed to the point where it numbers 400 members, grouped in 17 local chapters. Three national conventions have been held: in Kansas City, Mo., in Minneapolis, and in St. Louis. Well-planned programs were arranged for these conventions, with leaders of our Church making their contributions through essays and addresses. A periodical, *The Spectator,* has been published in the interest of the Association and distributed among its members. — Our Committee has been in attendance at the conventions and has met with the officials of Gamma Delta to discuss the affairs of the Association and to offer suggestions. It is no more than fair to say that the relationship between Gamma Delta and our Committee is an exceedingly friendly one, that our suggestions have been favorably received, and that the limited financial assistance we were able to offer has been sincerely appreciated. We are aware, of course, that the membership of Gamma Delta is only a fraction of the entire number of Synodical Conference students and that our obligation extends not to one group but to all students. At the same time we also believe that it is according to the intention of Synod to offer encouragement to a group — open to any student of any of our congregations — which has as its declared objective the encouragement and maintenance of truly Lutheran fellowship and which gives evidence of being earnestly concerned in attaining its goal.

We respectfully suggest to Synod to endorse the National Association of Lutheran Students and to encourage it in striving to gain its objective.

4. Student Secretary

The appointment of a full-time student secretary has been discussed in our circle for many years. As we become better acquainted with the tasks Synod has assigned to us; as our contacts increase with men who are serving our students and with the students themselves; as we become more acutely aware from year to year how much more could be done for the cause of Student Welfare Work in general, and for individual groups and students in particular, if uninterrupted time and thought could be given to the various problems that arise in connection with this work, we feel even more firmly convinced that Synod would be well advised to follow the lead of other Lutheran church-bodies who have recognized the need of additional man-power for this field and who have made liberal allowances in their budgets for this purpose.

This opinion is shared by many who have studied the situation, notably the University Pastors' Conference, the National Association of Lutheran Students, and the majority of pastors who are participating in Student Welfare Work.

It is true that students attending colleges and universities form only an insignificant fraction of Synod's entire membership, numerically speaking. But it is also true that the potential ability of this group to be a tremendous influence in helping to shape the thought and life of our Church during the next generation, in enabling our Church to exercise her God-willed influence in the proper spheres, and in making it possible for our Church to receive more adequate financial support is disproportionately great. And in urging the need for more attention to Student Welfare Work because of these considerations, we have stressed only what finally amounts to a policy of selfishness and have not even emphasized our duty to offer particular advice and guidance to our members who are in need of such counsel because of the peculiar dangers confronting them on the average campus. Our Church has endorsed the establishment of a Lutheran university, which annually demands the expenditure of thousands of dollars and which at present is in a position to serve only a small fraction of our Lutheran boys and girls. With the support accorded Valparaiso University we are in entire sympathy, even as we are on friendly terms with the administration of that school. But is not the remaining large fraction of students scattered on non-Lutheran campuses throughout the length and breadth of our country also entitled to at least a modest appropriation which would permit one man to devote his entire time to the consideration demanded by intensive Student Welfare Work? We believe so, and therefore we respectfully suggest to Synod:

A) To authorize a full-time secretary for Student Welfare Work;

B) To request the Fiscal Conference to include an annual appropriation of $5,000 for Student Welfare Work in Synod's budget.

In explanation of paragraph A we would say that the proposed secretary for Student Welfare Work should be called by the Student Welfare Committee, with the advice and consent of the President of Synod, to work under its general supervision according to regulations to be prepared by the Committee and approved by the President of Synod. The duties of the student secretary would include the following:

1) Taking an annual student census, making the returns available to the pastors in charge of the various schools of higher education, and acquainting Synod with the trend of enrolment and other pertinent data;

2) Following up this student census to ascertain whether our students have found their way into our congregations;

3) Editing a suitable student publication;

4) Developing the present National Association of Lutheran Students and giving guidance to other similar organizations that may exist in our circles;

5) Arranging for an annual university pastors' conference;

6) Visiting periodically, as much as possible, the various institutions where our Lutheran students are enrolled and discussing the problems of Student Welfare Work with the pastors;

7) Giving particular attention, either through personal visits or through correspondence, to our Lutheran students who are attending schools in communities in which our Church is not represented;

8) Acting as adviser to the Church Extension boards where loans are asked for in behalf of Student Welfare Work;

9) Arranging to have prepared for every District of Synod a list of all colleges and universities where our Lutheran students ordinarily are enrolled, together with the names and addresses of pastors serving these institutions or stationed in the vicinity, and annually making these lists available to all pastors of Synod to the extent needed;

10) Presenting the cause of Student Welfare Work at conferences, synods, and through the columns of church periodicals as opportunity is afforded;

11) Ascertaining, on the basis of the annual student census, where the enrolment of our Lutheran Students is sufficiently large and stable to warrant more intensive Student Welfare Work and suggesting methods to make this possible.

In explanation of suggestion B we would say that this sum represents, in our opinion, a very modest amount, which is to cover

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the salary of the proposed secretary for Student Welfare Work, his traveling and office expenses, and also the expenditures incidental to the annual student census, the student periodical, and the annual university pastors' conference.

Our intention in making these recommendations is not to increase Synod's overhead by adding an unnecessary worker to Synod's pay-roll; not to relieve parents, pastors, and mission boards from the obligations the Lord has placed upon them; not to foster bureaucracy and official meddling. But we are interested in strengthening one department of our church-work which has grown tremendously in importance during the last decades, which, however, has not yet received a corresponding increase of attention on the part of our Church to permit facing new conditions successfully.

In concluding our report, we wish to express our appreciation of the sympathetic help that has been given us by many members of Synod and to urge upon our entire membership to continue to support also the phase of our church activity which has as its object "to look after the spiritual care of our students at non-synodical institutions of learning" (*Synodical Handbook,* Edition 1937, p. 83, § 2).

Respectfully submitted,

SYNODICAL STUDENT WELFARE COMMITTEE
W. C. BIRKNER, *Chairman*
E. M. PLASS, *Secretary*
E. J. FRIEDRICH, *Treasurer*

Report of Committee 8:

Your Committee has carefully examined the report of the Student Welfare Committee, and our findings are as follows:

1. WHEREAS, The Student Welfare Committee, according to its report on p. 105 ff. of *Reports and Memorials,* No. 302, has worked faithfully and conscientiously within the limits and scope of its constitution and in keeping with what might be expected of it under difficult and complex circumstances, by conducting a student census, assisting in providing spiritual care for students in Lutheran high schools, secular colleges, and universities, organization of a National Lutheran Students' Association, arranging University Pastors' Conferences, etc.; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod

a) Encourage all pastors to cooperate with our brethren who do university work in taking the annual student census;

b) Particularly request the parents to report without delay the presence of their sons and daughters at any non-synodical institution of higher learning to the respective university pastor;

c) Urge that in the selection of institutions of higher learning all possible preference be given to Valparaiso University as well as

to such synodical institutions as offer general higher education and coeducation and to such colleges and universities where our Church is able to offer regular services through one of our pastors;

d) Express its approval of these University Pastors' Conferences and request their continuance; and

e) Commend the Student Welfare Committee for providing and guiding a National Association of our Lutheran Students.

2. WHEREAS, The Student Welfare Committee was elected by Synod; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors found it necessary to appropriate $1,000 for this work; therefore be it

Resolved, That we ratify and commend the action of the Board of Directors.

Your Committee has carefully examined the overture concerning a *permanent Student Welfare Secretary,* has held hearings on this important suggestion, and begs leave to make the following recommendations:

3. WHEREAS, The number of students attending institutions of higher learning other than those of our own Church is constantly growing; and

WHEREAS, The efficient care of these students is becoming ever more difficult if we actually hope to preserve their spiritual life unimpaired while they are exposed to the sinister influences on the campus and in the rooming houses; and

WHEREAS, A permanent Secretary for Student Welfare could do excellent work in organizing and expanding the efforts which are now being put forth independently by the pastors who happen to be near the campus of such institutions, very often upon their own initiative, with little or no encouragement from any one; therefore be it

Resolved:

a) That Synod authorize a full-time Secretary for Student Welfare work;

b) That the Student Welfare Secretary be called by the Student Welfare Committee, with the advice and consent of the Board of Directors, to work under the general supervision and guidance of the Student Welfare Committee according to regulations prepared by the Committee for Student Welfare and approved by the Board of Directors of Synod;

c) That Synod request the Fiscal Conference to include an annual appropriation of $5,000 in Synod's budget for Student Welfare Work.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted* by Synod.

IV. MISSIONS

A. MISSIONS IN GENERAL

The consideration of missions was introduced by the following address of the Secretary of Missions, Rev. F. C. Streufert:

Writes the greatest missionary of all days (1 Cor. 16:9): *"A great door, and effectual, is opened unto me."*

Synod's Mission Program — Past, Present, and Future

If an artist could portray in detail Synod and its glorious work from the early beginning until now and step by step, in realistic colors, visualize what the grace of God has wrought among us, what a marvelous, awe-inspiring presentation this would be!

On the first panel the artist might present the immigrants as they are breaking up from Saxony, severing their home ties, bidding farewell to those near and dear to them, and then as they arrive on the glorious shores of our country to seek religious liberty. He might describe the upbuilding of the Church in Perry County and the eagerness of the pioneers to spread the Gospel in the near-by communities.

He might then depict the days of 1847, when the representatives of the congregations in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, and New York assembled at Chicago to organize our synodical body that they might be better fitted to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord.

The artist might continue and tell of the zeal of the early Lutheran pioneers to prepare and train pastors, missionaries, and teachers for the purpose of supplying the congregations established everywhere. He might present the rustic log hut, the first Concordia College at Perry County, and the development of our higher institutions at Fort Wayne, Milwaukee, St. Paul, and elsewhere, and finally point to the wonderful setting at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

The artist might describe a century of progress in the development of our missions, following the missionary to every State of the union, to the Canadian provinces, to South America, back to Europe, onward to India and China, and now forward to Africa. Awe-inspiring indeed. If you wish to see a miniature presentation of the portrayal outlined, visit our exhibit in the Exhibition Hall. But if we think of the many spiritual blessings which neither artist nor writer can fully visualize, we cannot but get down on our knees in deepest humility and bless the name of Him who privileged us to be coworkers with Him in rescuing perishing souls.

For nearly a century we have carried on. At present more than eleven hundred missionaries are in the service of our Church. Of these more than 800 are active in the Home Missions department, 79 in South America, 52 in Europe, 70 in foreign Fields, 20 in the Deaf-Blind Missions, 119 pastors and teachers in the Colored Missions. We are preaching in more than 20 different languages. Our Church is truly a Pentecostal Church.

For nearly a century we have carried on in the Home Missions Department. We might think that the country must now be filled with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. And yet, in spite of the fact that at the present day there are 826 missionaries engaged in Home Missions, there still is room. There are numerous cities with a population of more than 100,000 where there is no semblance of a Lutheran church of any kind. There are today more than 400 communities with a population from 5,000 to 25,000 with no Lutheran church of any type.

For nearly a hundred years we have been conducting Home Missions. The days of our forefathers, of the covered wagon, and of frontier life are no more. The stage-coach of the earlier day, the covered wagon, the ox-cart, and the mule team have long ago disappeared and made room for the auto and swift-moving trains. There are marked changes everywhere; yet the missionaries of today are confronted with the same evil heart and with the same adversary as the missionaries of old, and even today they have but one means of grace to rescue the perishing souls, the same that the fathers of old had. The one saving means of grace is the everlasting Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mission-work has undergone decided changes. From the days of our forefathers until about fifteen or twenty years ago the chief work of the missionary was to gather the scattered Lutherans as they immigrated from European countries or migrated from one State to another. Immigration has come almost to a standstill, and migration of families from one State or community to another occurs only after a given territory for years has been stricken by serious droughts or some other calamity. The mission opportunities presenting themselves to the missionary of today are the more than 60 million unchurched in our communities. To reach out to the Lazarus at our door, to bring in the unchurched of our communities to the already existing churches, is no doubt the call of the hour.

And these are the plans for the future in the Home Missions department. It is to reach out to the more than 60 million unchurched in our country and the 17 million of our youth that have no church connection of any kind. It is our aim to press forward along the whole line. We plead for the cooperation of

every pastor and every congregation. We fully realize that the progress will be slow. The days of phenomenal growth of missions, such as our fathers were wont to see, are no more. It will mean a winning of souls one by one.

Before we leave for foreign and distant lands, we cannot but remind you of the blessed work done by the missionaries to the deaf and blind. Do you know that there are upwards of 80,000 deaf in our country? 20 of our missionaries preach in the sign-language at 230 stations.

Our Church is a cosmopolitan Church. We reach out to Jew and Gentile in many foreign languages of the world. We preach to the Indian, to the Negro, to those without Christ and His Gospel in China and India. The King's business demands haste.

Home Missions beneath the Southern Cross in South America. The Lord has opened *a wide and open door* in South America. Do you know that 67 missionaries are serving 35,932 souls in Brazil, that 25 missionaries are giving spiritual care to 10,367 in Argentina, and that the work has been extended to Uruguay and to Paraguay? And the possibilities? We believe that the missions in South America at the present time are most promising. There is a crying need for more workers. Permit me to quote briefly from a letter written by President Heine of Brazil (translated from the German):

"*Our dire need.* It is indeed a very serious matter, this work of our Church here in Brazil, which has been carried on by our workers with so much personal effort, amid so many difficulties, and with great sacrifices and supported by our Church. If we cannot soon devise ways and means to remedy this trying situation, I fear it will spell disaster. I do not know what will become of it all. Our present forces are not adequate to do the work before us. Many of our pastors are so overburdened that it is but a question of time how long they will be able to carry on before they will break down. Rev. S. says: 'How long I shall be able to perform the task placed upon me rests alone with the Lord. Help is sorely needed. It seems that I shall soon break down. Often I have thought of quitting the ministry and of doing something else. But I will carry on. And I know that you and the honorable Board of Missions will remember me in your prayers. The work progresses nicely, though at times in the midst of great difficulties. Oh, that a pastor could soon be sent to C. F.!' Pastor G. writes soon after the opening of school, which is attended by 53 children after vacation: 'During the vacation I intended to rest. But it was impossible. Dead tired and emaciated, I opened the school at the beginning of the new school-year.' Pastor K., a graduate of last year who accompanied Rev. G. M. on his visit to the preaching-stations assigned to him, writes: 'The mission-field is quite extensive, but it is the most promising field in Rio Grande do Sul. All told, 25 stations were served by my predecessor, Rev. M. This is indeed a large number. It takes a powerful, robust man to do this work. No one can bear the strain for any length of time. We are happy indeed to have this large field. But how sad that we lack the most important thing — the Christian day-school! Right here in F. and in B. U. we need the Christian day-school badly. Then, too, the congregation is not by any means small. It already numbers 81 families. At A. the congregation is fast disappearing because the children no longer speak German. This congregation belongs to another church-body. We are asked to come to preach to them in the language of the country. . . . Oh, that the Lord would send at least one missionary into this field! I should like to open two schools; but how can I dare to do this in the face of the work I now have, not to speak of the four vacant parishes? We are in need of men who could relieve us.'

"We need ten men, to tell the truth, fourteen, if we want to relieve the situation. I do not know of any other time when we so sorely needed workers. We can no longer continue this way. We shall either lose some of our strongholds or experience other sad reverses. Will the Missouri Synod, the Church with the everlasting Gospel, in the days before the final coming of the Master fail us?"

"Come and help us." We hear the plea from beneath the Southern Cross. Dare we turn a deaf ear to these pleas? The King's business demands haste. Let us be about our Father's business.

Foreign Fields. — India is about half as large as the United States, but it has a poulation of 352,000,000 of which only 6,200,000 claim to be Christians. Tremendous, unlimited opportunities.

China. — A heathen country with an area of 4,275,000 square miles and a population of 440,000,000. It is appalling to think that every minute thousands upon thousands go down to their eternal doom.

The Lord has privileged us to send our missionaries to these distant lands; in spite of the many vexing problems, in spite of the hatred and the animosity of the heathen world, God's Word has not returned void. In church and at school, with old and young, the eternal light of the Gospel dispels the darkness.

Our Foreign Missions have sustained painful losses since a number of the missionaries for valid reasons could not return to their former field of activity. We therefore join the Board and the friends of Foreign Missions in praying to the Lord that

He would make the hearts of qualified workers willing to heed the call to service.

Africa. — A marvelous progress in the youngest of our mission endeavors, the African Missions, is recorded. What a bountiful blessing the Lord has showered upon the faithful, consecrated efforts of our colaborers in Nigeria! Since spring of 1936 32 stations have been opened. Approximately 800 souls and 500 communicant members are served. The enrolment in 19 schools is about 1,500. The Board of African Missions will report further details. No doubt the convention will be given an opportunity to hear Dr. Nau, our first missionary to Africa. Let us praise the Lord for the blessings bestowed upon the efforts of our missionaries in Africa and pray that the additional workers needed may soon be sent. Calabar is calling, and there is no one to give ear to the pleadings of those people.

New Guinea. — Our sister synod in Australia stretches forth the hand across the sea. It asks us to come and help it reap the harvest in its newest endeavor in New Guinea. The first-fruits have already been garnered. You will hear more of this in the report of Committee No. 2.

Europe. — Homeward bound. Retracing our steps, we come to Europe, the cradle of the Lutheran Church. While other churches in Europe have incurred the ill will of the powers that be, our little but stalwart courageous group of fellow-Christians in the Free Church of Saxony and Other States is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season." Amid many trials and hardships the Free Church more than holds its own as it boldly lifts up the standards of the eternal verities. It is in need of our continued support. This is also true of the group in Finland, in France, and in Estonia. Visit our exhibit of the European Missions and get your copy of the free literature offered by our brethren in Europe.

England. — Just recently there have been new developments in England, in the Cornwall area. The request made to us will demand the attention of the Board of Home Missions. Time will tell whether we must heed the repeated pleadings of our brethren.

The Alaska mission-field, so it was reported at the convention of Synod in 1935, was discontinued. But owing to the Government's colonization plan more than 50 Lutheran families demanded the attention of the Board of Home Missions. A resident missionary is being called. A chapel-parsonage was built. It is too early to say whether the Government venture will succeed. But we dare not forsake the little flock in this country in the far North.

Candidate Situation. — True, the candidate problem is by no

means solved. But did not the Lord put us to shame last year? Does He not now in a most striking manner whisper to you and me: "Oh, ye of little faith" when since June 1, 1937, to date He has called no fewer than 150 of our graduates into permanent service? He is surely well able to make that very thing which caused us so much grief a decided blessing. All the candidates not permanently called were at work in the Church. In fact, just before the recent graduation about 18 requests for temporary placement of candidates could not be met. Leave it to the Lord; pray — but do your part conscientiously.

"A great door and effectual," is indeed opened unto us by the Lord. Blessed be His holy name!

A perspective of the mission-work of Synod was given in the printed

Report of the Secretary of Missions

in the book of *Reports and Memorials* as follows:

Home Missions

1. *Cost of Missions.*

1935	1936	1937
$210,499.41	$209,826.97	$220,432.49

2. For one hundred years we carried on Home Missions, and they were one hundred years of continued progress. You will ask, Is not our country now filled with the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Is there still room for mission expansion? Yes, in spite of the fact that there are today more than one thousand missionaries active in the Home Mission Department there still is room.

3. *Mission Opportunities in the Parishes of the Home Church.* There are mission opportunities everywhere. There are vast unmet opportunities in the fields already occupied. The most productive field we have is beyond all doubt within the existing congregations, and it is a mission-field which can be worked successfully at little or no additional expense; for here we have adequate equipment. We have churches, schools, parish halls, Sunday-schools, all fully equipped. We have the necessary staff to conduct the work; we have experienced pastors, teachers, Sunday-school teachers, consecrated members. We have young people's societies, ladies' aids, and men's clubs. The seventeen million boys and girls of school age and the sixty million of unchurched of our country are indeed a tremendous challenge to every member of the Church.

4. An increased interest to reach out to the unchurched is noticeable. While twenty years ago only 2,100 adults were received into membership of our Church by confirmation, the number of

adults baptized and confirmed in 1936 has risen to 12,491. — Let every congregation commemorate the entrance of our Missouri Synod into the second century of its existence with renewed interest and consecrated zeal to reach out to the unchurched within the bounds of its parishes.

5. *Mission Opportunities in Adjacent Territories.* — In the days past every pastor and every congregation felt it to be their duty to watch for an opportune moment to extend the Kingdom into the near-by community, to open a new mission, and to serve it until such time as it would be in need of more attention than could be given by them. In this manner the majority of our congregations in the large cities came into being. In the past decade or two this method, however, has seldom been followed. If today any opportunity for mission expansion is believed to be there, the Mission Board is asked to take matters in hand. True, in this day of transportation, of auto and bus facilities, we need not establish our missions so closely to one another as it was deemed necessary in the earlier days. But let us ever be mindful of covering the strategic centers and confidently enter upon the extension of God's kingdom if the welfare of precious souls demands it.

6. *Mission Opportunities in the East, the South, the Southeast, the Pacific Coast.* — The East, particularly the Atlantic District, with a population of no less than sixteen million, and the fast developing Southeast and Southern California, together with numerous centers in the South, Middle West, and Northwest, offer outstanding mission opportunities. With the help of the Mission Expansion Fund a number of new fields and also Christian day-schools were opened during the past triennium. It has been the policy of the Board of Home Missions to apply our resources to the best advantage, to grant subsidy to missions which, humanly speaking, have the best opportunity for future growth and development.

7. *Organization of a new District in the Southeast.* — We believe the organization of a new District in the interest of the development of our mission opportunities in the Southeast to be essential. We are confident that only in this way proper attention can be given the vast opportunities before us in this territory. We deeply regret that we have been aroused to see our opportunity at so late a day. May this venerable body see fit to authorize the organization of the proposed District!

8. *Missions in Old Mexico.* — Years ago we subsidized a mission in Mexico City. The missionary, however, preached in German only. No mission-work was attempted among the natives.

A number of years ago our missionary was recalled. Another was sent to replace him. After a very brief stay the latter was compelled to leave on account of illness, but it was impossible for the Mission Board to send another man since the Mexican government ruled that none but native pastors or missionaries be permitted to preach in their country. These regulations made it impossible for us to continue the work in Old Mexico since we had no native of Mexico trained for the ministry. At the present time we have one who received his theological training at Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.

9. We therefore urge to grant the petition of the Texas District to open mission activities among the Mexicans in Old Mexico if the opportune moment has come.

10. We further recommend that the conduct of missions in Old Mexico for the time being be placed into the hands of the Texas District and that the Texas District include the amount necessary to conduct said missions in their annual subsidy request.

11. *Candidate Situation.* — Emerging from the depression, the candidate situation has somewhat improved. Though the number of candidates not permanently placed has decreased, there is still a large number of graduates not permanently called. We are gradually getting back to normalcy. The number of permanent calls is steadily increasing year after year.

12.

From June 1, 1933, to June 1, 1934, 37 were called permanently
From June 1, 1934, to June 1, 1935, 77 were called permanently
From June 1, 1935, to June 1, 1936, 96 were called permanently
From June 1, 1936, to June 1, 1937, 94 were called permanently
From June 1, 1937, to Jan. 31, 1938, 97 were called permanently

13. But what of the future? The average loss of active pastors sustained per annum by death and resignation is approximately 70. (This does not include the death of emeriti.) In 1942 there will be no graduating class at St. Louis. The estimated enrolment of students entering for the first year at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will be

78 for the term from 1938—1939
64 for the term from 1939—1940
89 for the term from 1940—1941
88 for the term from 1941—1942

14. This estimate is based on the present enrolment at our preparatory schools and on past experience. (For report on Candidate Fund see Report of Board of Home Missions.)

15. Cost in 1936 ..... $16,850.70
Cost in 1937 ..... $38,962.61

16. *Church Extension Fund.* — As an impartial observer and advisory member of the General Church Extension Board I beg leave to submit the following for your consideration and action.

17. Listening to the requests and pleas for Church Extension loans as they come before the General Church Extension Board, scrutinizing the congregations for which Districts make these requests and the projects for which loans are asked, thinking on the possibility of repaying these loans in accordance with the stipulations laid down in the regulations adopted, we ask, What is the real purpose of the Church Extension Fund? Who is entitled to a loan from this fund? How can the interests of this fund be safeguarded?

18. The regulations pertaining to the distribution of the General Church Extension Fund are not very clearly defined in the regulations as we find them in the *Synodical Handbook.* On page 114, Paragraph 1, we read: "Loans shall be granted only to such congregations as are unable themselves to finance their building projects and cannot secure sufficient loans from the respective District."

19. This leaves the door wide open. The struggling mission-congregation pleading for a small loan to erect a modest chapel as well as a congregation with a strong communicant membership pleading for a large loan to complete even a church beautiful is entitled to the same considerations "if they find themselves unable to finance their building project and cannot secure sufficient loans from the respective Districts."

20. Since our Church Extension funds are limited and not large enough to take care of all requests for loans, we take courage to express our view that to all intent the purpose of the Church Extension Fund is to assist struggling mission-congregations unable to carry the added burden of interest on a loan, to enable them to secure a modest but adequate place of worship, school, parsonage, or teacherage. We believe it to be to the best interests of the General Church Extension Fund if Synod will express its sentiments on this matter.

21. *Concerning repayment of Church Extension loans* we read in the *Synodical Handbook,* page 113: "Loans in General. . . . 5. Repayments of no less than 10 per cent. of the loan shall be required. In addition thereto an administration fee shall be charged at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the unpaid balance."

22. Observing the past, we find these regulations to work an extreme hardship on the struggling mission-congregation. We believe that mission-congregations are unable to comply with the regulations unless they are permitted to slight or even disregard all other obligations. The regulations as we now have them lead the mission-congregations on to center their entire attention on the liquidation of the Church Extension loans, giving little or no thought to contributing toward the salary of their pastor and to the work of the Church at large. We know that the General Church Extension Board in times past in some instances adjusted the repayment scale to assist the struggling mission-congregation; but we believe that the regulations of the Church Extension Board ought to be so amended that repayments can be made in such amounts that the mission-congregation will be enabled to do its proportionate share toward the salary of the pastor, toward the liquidation of its loans, and toward the work of the Church at large. Be this suggested for your consideration.

23. *Salaries.* — The salaries of our missionaries in all mission departments are more or less in need of improvement. Some mission boards restored their former salary scales in full or in part. A number of District Home Mission boards were pleased to note a larger number of mission-parishes contributing more liberally toward the salary of their pastors, so that they were enabled to improve the salaries of their workers. We believe that District Home Missions as well as the missionaries ought to be commended for their zeal and also to be encouraged to continue in their efforts to induce the mission-parishes to increase their contributions toward the support of the work in their midst. Only in this way shall we be enabled to gain added funds for mission expansion.

24. *Comparison of Salaries.* — That the missionaries of one mission department suffer more, comparatively speaking, than the missionaries of another department cannot be said. Local conditions vary. Therefore not all the missionaries and their families can enjoy the same comforts and the same advantages. At home and abroad some of them must be content with extremely primitive living conditions. For the sake of the great cause they must often forego some of the things deemed absolutely indispensable at home. Though not all the missionaries and their wives received "the special grace" to be able to adjust themselves into whatever conditions and situations they have been placed, we can say that all are ever ready to sacrifice all if Christ can but be preached to the salvation of those about them.

25. Comparisons of salaries offered by the mission departments operating at home and in foreign lands are made quite frequently. Let us be careful not to pass unfair judgment on this or that mission board. Not being conversant with the standards of living,

the value of the United States dollar in the coin of the realm and its purchasing power, the cost of living in a given mission-field, we are apt to criticize mission boards severely for offering a salary which, if transcribed into United States coin, is either far below or above the usual salary offered in the home country.

26. *Pension.* — In accordance with resolutions passed at the Fiscal Conference in September, 1937, the majority of District mission boards urged their subsidized congregations to assume the responsibility of making Pension Plan payments for their workers. In order to simplify matters, the subsidized parishes were informed that pension payments were an allowable budget item which they might include in their annual financial statement presented at the time when the request for subsidy is made.

27. *District-Synodical Mission Departments.* — In the past triennium we met with the various subsidized, as well as with the majority of the self-supporting District Home Mission boards. We met to discuss with them their specific needs, their problems, and their mission policies. We also took occasion to visit typical mission-fields in the respective Districts. We attended the meetings of the Foreign, the South American, the Deaf and Blind, the European, the African, and Colored Missions boards as well as the meetings of the General Church Extension Board. We interviewed a number of missionaries on furlough in order to get a closer view of the problems confronting our missions, of the missionary methods and policies, and of the needs of our missions.

28. *A meeting of representatives of mission boards operating in foreign lands* — the Foreign, the African, the South American Missions — was held to bring about a greater uniformity in the conduct of these missions wherever this is possible. Questions pertaining to furlough, the salaries of missionaries, the salaries of missionaries on furlough, matters pertaining to equipment of missionaries leaving for the foreign fields, mission policies, missionary methods, and such other questions as the several mission departments are mutually interested in were ventilated. This meeting proved to be a real help to the mission departments represented. Other meetings are to follow.

29. *Preliminary Training of Missionaries.* — A problem which is again and again confronting all mission boards and in particular those operating in foreign fields is to gain men qualified and willing to go to the respective mission-field. Even in this day when the Lord has granted us a large number of candidates, it is extremely difficult. We ask, Why is it that seemingly so little interest is shown in the work in foreign fields? Have we failed to do all at our theological seminaries to create a lively interest in foreign missions, to inspire the young men to heed the call also from distant lands? What is being done to give our young men at the theological seminaries an opportunity to study the different phases of the various missions, the countries in which we are working, the geography, the history, the religious background of the people? We appreciate the fact that in the last decade much has been done towards improving upon the missionary training of our theological students; but is it adequate to inspire the young men to go forth also to foreign lands? And if perchance one desires to do research work on missions, do our libraries at our seminaries offer the necessary assistance?

30. That more ought to be done toward the preliminary training of missionaries the Board of Foreign Missions long ago realized. At a recent meeting of representatives of our mission departments operating in India, China, Africa, and South America, this need was also emphasized and discussed at length. Every District Home Mission Board pleads for a more practical training of the young men to fit them better for the missionary task before them.

31. Already in 1926 Synod passed resolutions to improve conditions. It was resolved to commission the Foreign Mission Board in conjunction with the Board of Directors and the faculty of St. Louis to make necessary provisions for a more specific training of all foreign missionaries.

32. Until now little was done to carry out the instructions given. But if we are to continue our work at home and abroad, we dare not postpone the preliminary training of our missionaries. We fully appreciate the willingness of the faculties to cooperate and to extend the present course of study in the history of missions, but we also realize the difficulties confronting them in adding a full department of mission to an already crowded curriculum.

33. But since the preliminary missionary training of our graduates is essential to the upbuilding and expansion of the kingdom of God, we request this venerable body to adopt the following resolutions: Be it

Resolved to make the necessary provisions for a more specific training of missionaries at our theological seminaries; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Directors, in conjunction with the Committee on Higher Education, be instructed to carry out this resolution.

(It is to be understood that this be done in consultation with representatives of the theological seminaries and with representa-

tives of the Foreign, the African, and the South American Mission boards.)

34. *Building an Indigenous Church.* — It must ever be our aim to build an indigenous Church which shall be self-supporting, self-propagating, and eventually self-governing. If we fail in this, it will not only hinder the progress in the mission-field begun, it will also curtail mission expansion elsewhere.

35. As the Church grows in foreign lands, and as our missionaries advance in experience, more and more responsibility ought to be placed upon them, and more and more authority ought to be granted them. And we believe that the time has come when we must give this matter careful consideration. We fully realize that our churches in the foreign field have not as yet advanced so far that they can be entrusted with self-government; but we believe that gradually more responsibilities (with a limited authority) might be placed upon them. And to place more responsibility upon the missionaries and to increase their authority will in our estimation be another step forward in building an indigenous Church. We submit this for your serious consideration and action.

36 *Resident Adviser in Foreign Fields.* — In 1932 the Board of Foreign Missions reported that it was about to call a superintendent for India. For various reasons, financial and otherwise, this was not done. We, however, believe it to be of the utmost importance that a resident adviser be placed into both of our Foreign Mission fields. Our missionaries and our workers are constantly in need of guidance and direction in the vexing problems confronting them. They are in need of encouragement. We believe the increasing number of both white and native missionaries and workers and the increasing number of mission-stations make it imperative for us to provide resident advisers. We dare not postpone this matter lest our missions as such suffer.

37. We believe that the building of an indigenous Church and matters pertaining thereto — the appointment or calling of an adviser for each of the Foreign Mission fields, the duties of his office, his relation to the missionaries, the mission-stations and the Board of Foreign Missions, are of extreme importance and therefore demand the most careful study.

38. Be it therefore *suggested* that the Praesidium be instructed to appoint a committee which shall, in cooperation with the Board of Foreign Missions and in consultation with the general conferences of Foreign Mission fields, carefully consider above-mentioned matters and offer guiding lines to carry out their findings.

Be it *further suggested* that the Board of Foreign Missions be empowered to carry out plans adopted by a joint committee.

South American Missions

39.

Cost		
1935	1936	1937
$35,851.29	$41,184.54	$41,494.77
	Expansion: $ 895.00	$ 5,000.00

40. During the past triennium marked strides forward have been made in our missions in South America. A real effort has been put forth towards encouraging our Christians to do their part toward the up-keep of the ministry and the Church in their midst. The consecrated efforts of President Heine, who visited the individual parishes to admonish and instruct the Christians everywhere and to encourage, comfort, and strengthen the faithful missionaries laboring amid many sacrifices and difficulties, will not be in vain.

41. A special allowance over and above the budget granted by Synod's Board of Directors to the Board of South American Missions enabled the Brazil District Mission Board to grant their missionaries a bonus — *Zuschuss* — in the amount of 49,000 milreis (approximately $2,900) before the close of the past fiscal year. The salaries of the missionaries are fixed not by the Board of South American Missions but by the congregations and the District Mission boards in Brazil and in Argentina.

42. Greater activity is shown in the preaching in the native tongue both in Brazil and in Argentina. Also in South America the youth is fast turning to the language of their respective countries.

43. More men are needed. Many of our missionaries have too many preaching-stations to be able to do effective work. Parishes ought to be divided and new fields opened, particularly in the large cities, which in the past have been largely neglected.

44. Argentina has adopted a mission plan to begin Spanish mission activities in larger cities.

45. A total of $5,000 for 1938 was set aside for mission expansion for both the Brazil and the Argentine District. We, however, believe this amount to be inadequate to meet the present needs and opportunities.

Deaf and Blind Missions

46.

Cost		
1935	1936	1937
$37,500.00	$38,960.00	$38,149.00

47. This mission just recently sustained a painful loss by the sudden death of Missionary F. Hischke, who in addition to his regular work as missionary to the deaf was exceedingly successful

in gathering about himself a group of more than 50 students at Concordia Seminary and interesting them in the Deaf Missions and teaching them the rudiments of the sign-language.

48. At a recent meeting with the members of the Mission Board the regular visitation of the organized mission-congregations and preaching-stations and of the missionaries serving them was discussed. We believe that such visitation by members of the Board will mean much for the development of these missions. That such visitations were not made in the past in such a measure as it might have been done was largely due to the expense involved. Then, too, we realize the difficulties confronting the Board in carrying out a satisfactory visitation through an interpreter as is now necessary since no member of the Board is conversant with the sign-language.

49. In the interest of our missionaries and our deaf congregations and preaching-stations we suggest

50. That the Board of our Deaf and Blind Missions be encouraged to institute a personal visitation of the mission-stations at regular intervals;

51. That a member conversant with the sign-language be added to the membership of the Board.

Colored Missions of the Synodical Conference

52. **Cost of Colored Missions** *(our part)*

1935	1936	1937
$71,823.94	$68,969.14	$75,509.00

53. With the increased migration of the colored race from the South to the Northern cities, mission activities on the part of our pastors and congregations in the larger metropolitan areas have more and more been directed toward the colored people. In Chicago, Detroit, and Pittsburgh, in Muskogee, Okla., and other large centers, the work of Colored Missions was sponsored. In most instances, as is quite proper, the Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference was consulted. And the Missionary Board with its wealth of experience was ever ready to advise pastors and congregations as they entered upon a colored mission within their community. The policy of the Missionary Board was, and still is, to cooperate with the congregations interested in the opening of a colored mission in their midst; but we believe that all pastors and congregations contemplating the opening of a colored mission ought to be held to consult first with the Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference, which by intersynodical agreement is the Board to carry on Colored Missions in our country.

Since there is so much involved in the proper opening and the conduct of said mission, in the selection of the proper location of the mission, in the future support of missions, etc., many mistakes can be avoided.

African Missions

54. Cost of the African Missions in 1937, $2,703.09. Budget for 1938, $13,495.00.

55. These missions are conducted by the Synodical Conference. We, too, were privileged to sit in at meetings of the Board for African Missions as time permitted. At present the Synodical Conference has one Board to look after its mission activities. This Board is divided into two groups, one group looking after the interests of the Colored Missions in this country, the other after those of the African Missions. We, too, plead for the continuance of the necessary support of this latest of our Foreign Missions. For detailed information see Report of Board of African Missions.

European Missions

56. **Cost**

1935	1936	1937
$34,802.15	$38,371.10	$38,451.17

57. For a detailed report see Report of Board for European Missions.

In Conclusion

58. Let us go forward in the name of the Lord. Let us in His name advance on all fronts both at home and abroad. For the past century the Lord has blessed us in spite of our weakness, our indifference, and our lukewarmness. Let us look upward and courageously face the tasks before us that His kingdom may come and His name be hallowed everywhere.

F. C. Streufert, *Secretary of Missions*

Committee 2, which considered all the mission-work of Synod, brought in the following general *resolution:*

Since it is an established fact that a lack of information is the cause of much indifference toward missions and the work of Synod in general, and since we should embrace every opportunity better to inform our Christians; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod advise pastors and congregations to make the subject of missions a regular item for the voters' meetings and the meetings of the various societies within the congregation, so that a brief report on some phase of missions will be made and discussed in order to create a wider active interest in the work of Synod.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Many of the points in the report of the Secretary of Missions were taken by way of report. Some were disposed of in other connections, as Point 7, the new District in the Southeast, which is reported on under "Constitutional Matters." The points pertaining to individual missions are taken up under separate headings.

Since the report dealt with mission opportunities in the parishes, *Committee 2* brought in the following *resolution:*

Since for effective Home Mission work the strengthening of the home base is of vital importance; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod again remind all Districts and all congregations that a Christian day-school should, whenever possible, be established and carefully fostered and that thorough indoctrination of the youth should be provided for very conscientiously.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Candidate Fund

Committee 2 reported:

Since the Candidate Fund has proved a great blessing to our Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod continue this fund and that the Fiscal Conference be requested to provide adequately for it.

Mission Conference

Resolved, That Synod continue the so-called Mission Conference, but that the conference in future meet alone.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

The report of the Secretary of Missions called attention to the

Salaries of Missionaries

Committee 2 reported:

WHEREAS, It is a fact that many of Synod's missionaries both in the homeland and in foreign fields are still laboring under the handicap of a reduced salary; and

WHEREAS, It is a fact that in consequence of their reduced income many missionaries must forego the acquisition of various necessities for themselves and their families; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod direct the Fiscal Conference to give diligent study to this situation and earnestly endeavor to devise ways and means for the various boards to raise the salaries of missionaries to a level that is consistent with the Scriptural principle "A laborer is worthy of his hire."

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Committee 2 also brought in the following *resolutions* on salaries:

Resolved, That Synod encourage the various boards to set a good example to the Districts and congregations of Synod in striving to attain a Scriptural principle of proper support of its missionaries; and be it further

Resolved, That in determining the salaries of missionaries the board continue equitably to take into account prevailing conditions.

Resolved, That Synod approve the opinion of the Fiscal Conference that whenever possible the increase of salary come from within, that, however, where this is not possible, the board by special bonuses or otherwise make necessary adjustments.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Pensions

Committee 2 reported:

Your Committee concurs in the opinion voiced in the Report of the Secretary of Missions in this matter (par. 26, p. 116):

"In accordance with the resolutions passed at the Fiscal Conference in September, 1937, the majority of District mission boards urged their subsidized congregations to assume the responsibility of making Pension Plan payments for their workers. In order to simplify matters, the subsidized parishes were informed that pension payments were an allowable budget item, which they might include in their annual financial statement presented at the time when the request for subsidy is made." By such procedure the congregations will be trained to recognize more and more their obligations to their pastors and to Synod.

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

Preliminary Training of Missionaries

Concerning this matter, mentioned in Memorial 401, pp. 117—118, *Committee 2* brought in the following *resolutions:*

WHEREAS, Mission-work is the primary business of our Church, and our jubilee year should offer a special inducement for a more efficient training of missionaries; and

WHEREAS, The experience of many church-bodies is that candidates for mission-fields are better equipped to carry on their work if they have been specifically prepared for it; and

WHEREAS, Synod, the Board of Directors, the Board of Foreign Missions, and the Faculty of St. Louis are all convinced of the desirability of additional, specific training, as shown by the Synodical Commission of 1926 and by the minutes of a joint meeting on January 22, 1929, of the three groups mentioned; therefore be it

Resolved, That in this jubilee year the Board of Directors, in consultation with the faculty of St. Louis and the Committee on Higher Education, be instructed to establish a Department of Missions at our St. Louis Seminary; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Control of our St. Louis Seminary be authorized to call a qualified man to conduct this Mission Department; and be it further

Resolved, That all newly called foreign missionaries take a short postgraduate course in the practical requirements of their respective fields; and be it finally

Resolved, That our Springfield faculty, in consultation with Synod's Board for Higher Education, be requested to give this special emphasis on missions due consideration.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Church Extension

Report of the Board

(Memorial 403)

"May God move the hearts of the members of the Church Extension Board that they will understand our great need and believe in our wonderful opportunities, so that they will grant us the loan for which we ask to build a chapel in our very fine mission-field!" These are the sentiments expressed, in one form or another, when a congregation brings to a close its request for aid from Synod's Church Extension Fund. In all parts of Synod and in all Districts our pastors and missionaries, our teachers and other workers, and our members are striving to carry out Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all people. In many, many places small groups of Christians are gathered together in such places as they can find and use. They meet in basements and halls, in stores and lodge-rooms, in court-houses and public-school buildings, in Seventh-day Adventist churches and in decrepit, abandoned church-buildings, left over from unsuccessful attempts of other church-bodies; they are enlivened with the hope that a small chapel will guarantee the success of their venture; and they come to Synod for help to build the house of worship they need. District Mission boards deplore the necessity of paying rent year after year for places of worship and come to us for funds. Synodical mission boards apply for money to erect buildings. The office of Synod's Church Extension Board is a repository for the hopes and enthusiastic reports of mission ventures all over Synod. Much of the human-interest element of a history of the progress of our Church could be gathered from the correspondence files accumulated during thirty-seven years of the operation of the Church Extension Fund. It has been an efficient tool in the hands of the officials of Synod charged with the duty of supervising the mission activities of our Church.

The Church Extension Board has had regular and special meetings during the past three years. Every member of the Board is furnished beforehand with a digest of each application, and the resolutions arrived at in each case are formed after careful and conscientious study. Since the last meeting of Synod the Church Extension Board has made seventy-three loans aggregating approximately $307,650. There were many more applications for loans, and we regret to report that it was necessary to decline a considerable number of requests for various reasons. We were sorry to do this, and we realize that we caused disappointment in some quarters; but we believe that in each case where we either granted or declined a loan we were acting in the best interests of Synod.

The total capital of the Church Extension Fund as of March 31, 1938, is $1,268,323.87. Of this amount, $1,141,601.21 has been lent out to congregations, and $126,722.66 is held in cash by your Board.

Obedient to the instructions received three years ago, the Church Extension Board will now report the amounts held by the different Districts at the present time, together with a statement of the amounts that are delinquent in each District. The amounts given cover loans granted to Districts for their congregations as well as to congregations in the respective Districts:

District	Balance of Loans	Amount Delinquent
Alberta and British Columbia	$ 39,187.00	$ 22,142.00
Atlantic	34,728.06	32,728.06
Brazil	21,500.00	2,250.00
California and Nevada	37,281.99	9,163.68
Central	40,690.00	8,500.00
Central Illinois	14,425.00	5,125.00
Colorado	61,920.21	27,430.21
Eastern	55,790.00	32,990.00
English	174,938.50	103,718.50
Iowa East	8,784.18	6,184.18
Iowa West	17,600.00	7,000.00
Kansas	19,340.00	6,190.00
Manitoba and Saskatchewan	47,288.77	41,488.77
Michigan	28,350.00	19,350.00
Minnesota	38,927.27	28,427.27
North Dakota and Montana	49,755.00	28,955.00
Northern Illinois	21,244.22	4,494.22
Northern Nebraska	31,488.33	18,338.33
North Wisconsin	11,853.33	5,903.33

District	Balance of Loans	Amount Delinquent
Oklahoma	25,110.00	8,100.00
Ontario	11,275.00	8,775.00
Oregon and Washington	60,402.18	15,192.18
South Dakota	23,579.62	12,079.62
Southern	32,377.76	7,587.76
Southern California	61,587.87	22,207.87
Southern Nebraska	16,582.47	12,382.47
South Wisconsin	36,100.00	8,200.00
Texas	25,105.22	21,255.22
Western	71,879.05	15,359.05
Miscellaneous	22,510.18	5,035.18
	$1,141,601.21	$546,552.90

These figures reflect the combined accounts in the various Districts. The accounts are kept in the office of the Church Extension Board and at the Fiscal Office of Synod, and an annual audit of each account is made by the Synodical Auditor, whose report is on file at the Fiscal Office and may be consulted by members of Synod.

Synod resolved three years ago that the Church Extension Board should ordinarily make its loans to Districts and not directly to the congregations. This mandate has been followed in all but about half a dozen cases where circumstances seemed to require some other procedure. The Church Extension Board interpreted Synod's resolution to mean that the security for a loan is to be given by a District, but that the Church Extension Board still has the duty to investigate every application and to determine whether or not the application merits a loan. We believe that it would be wrong to interpret the resolution to mean that an application from a District makes the granting of a loan mandatory. If this course were followed, there would be no need for a Church Extension Board or a General Church Extension Fund. The money could be divided among the Districts. Furthermore, a project that seems to one District Board of paramount importance might appear of considerably less importance when compared with projects coming at the same time from other Districts. For this reason the Church Extension Board has taken the position that it is to be the judge of the merits of all applications, to determine whether or not they should be granted; and if they are granted, then the loans are made to the Districts, which have the responsibility of repayment. In order that the Church Extension Board may be certain that this interpretation is in accordance with the will of Synod, we are asking for a resolution to that effect among our recommendations.

In some quarters of Synod it has been felt that the work of the Church Extension Board now requires the attention of an official

who can devote his entire time to this branch of Synod's activity. The General Mission Conference last year gave voice to this thought and requested the Church Extension Board to discuss the matter. The Church Extension Board has given much thought to this question. The advantages and disadvantages of the proposed new office were weighed and discussed. The Church Extension Board believes that it would be unwise for Synod to create the office of an executive secretary for the Church Extension Board. We believe that, with the arrangements now in force, the work of Church Extension can be carried out efficiently and satisfactorily without the large expense entailed by the creation of a new office. The following reasons prompted the Church Extension Board to oppose the plan:

1. The accounting of the Church Extension Fund is now carried on in the office of the Board and in the Fiscal Office of Synod with great exactness and efficiency.

2. The Secretary of Missions (Rev. F. C. Streufert) has accurate and complete information concerning every phase of our mission activity. He attends the meetings of the Church Extension Board and can be called on for information and advice.

3. The chairman of the Board can and does make special visits of investigation where necessary.

4. A close cooperation between the Church Extension Board and the Home Missions Board through the presence of the Mission Secretary at the Church Extension meetings and the occasional presence of the chairman of the Church Extension Board at the Home Missions Board meetings is very effective.

5. The District mission boards are cooperating with Synod's Church Extension Board in greater measure than before.

6. The chairman of the Church Extension Board has occasion at stated meetings to confer with all the District Presidents and other District officials.

We believe that this leaves nothing to be desired as far as the operation of the Church Extension Board as a lending agency is concerned.

The one feature that has called forth the proposal for the new office of Executive Secretary is the large number of delinquent accounts. The total at this time is $546,552.90. But we believe that this is a temporary emergency, which should be met with temporary measures, such as are being put into operation at the present time. We believe that strenuous efforts must be made to collect these accounts from the congregations holding the loans in order that our mission-work may continue. But we cannot believe that this work should require all the efforts of an official. After

the emergency has been overcome, we should be in a position to discontinue the emergency measure and not continue the expense to Synod of such a new office. We should like to point out that the percentage of delinquent loans is becoming less; furthermore it should not be forgotten that three years ago Synod resolved that loans are to be made to Districts instead of to congregations, which means that there will be very few delinquent accounts in the future. The Districts will see the wisdom of paying their notes when due in order not to jeopardize their credit.

For these reasons the Church Extension Board believes that the present arrangement should continue.

The Church Extension Board makes the following recommendations to Synod:

1. That all Districts be urged to make every effort to pay their accounts when due;

2. That all congregations be urged to make strenuous and persistent efforts to pay their debts toward the Church Extension Board of Synod;

3. That Synod urge all Districts to exert their efforts toward getting the congregations in the District to repay their loans promptly;

4. That the Church Extension Board and the Home Missions Board be asked to cooperate closely in the work assigned to both boards;

5. That the Church Extension Board follow its present interpretation of Synod's regulations, so that it will be charged with the duty of investigating every application to determine whether or not the application should be granted;

6. That Synod strike out a balance of $300 due from St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Minatare, Nebr. The congregation has disbanded, and the property has been sold.

FREDERIC NIEDNER, *Chairman*

Report of Committee 2:

Resolved, That Synod recognize the faithful and blessed work of our Church Extension Board; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod reaffirm its intentions as expressed three years ago that the Church Extension Board ordinarily make loans to Districts only and that the Districts furnish proper security for the loans; and be it further

Resolved, That the Church Extension Board nevertheless retain the duty to investigate the merits of each case; and be it also

Resolved, That all Districts be urged to pay their accounts when due, that all congregations make strenuous and persistent efforts to pay their debt to the Church Extension Board of Synod, and that all Districts exert their efforts toward the prompt repayment of loans on the part of congregations.

Resolved, That Synod delete from its books a balance of $300 due from the defunct St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Minatare, Nebraska.

Resolved, That Synod express its appreciation of the faithful services of Mr. B. A. Schieferdecker, who was a member and the treasurer of the Church Extension Board from 1914 to his death on June 4, 1938, by a rising vote.

Resolved, That Synod express by rising vote its appreciation of the faithful services of Mr. H. Papke, who was a member and secretary of the Church Extension Board from 1917 to the present year. He has asked to be relieved of his membership on account of advanced age.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Repayments of Church Extension Loans

Concerning this matter, see Memorials 709 and 710, pp. 263 to 266 of *Reports and Memorials.*

Committee 2 brought in the following *resolution:*

Resolved, That the present scale of 10 per cent. be retained, but that the Church Extension Board be permitted to make exceptions by operating with a graduated scale.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Church Extension Loans to Colored Missions

(Memorial 711)

In view of the great migration of Negroes to Northern cities, the inadequate appropriations to carry out an energetic missionary policy, the active interest of groups of churches, conferences, and Districts in the Northern Negro, the necessity of suitable buildings, and the deficit in the building fund of the Missionary Board, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States is herewith very respectfully petitioned so to amend its regulations as to permit the General Church Extension Board to take favorable action, after careful investigation, on requests for loans emanating from individual member churches, groups of member churches, or organizations composed of member churches for the purpose of erecting or acquiring and repairing suitable buildings for the use of churches composed of colored brethren.

Respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM H. GEHRKE

Committee 14 reported:

WHEREAS, Colored Missions are in charge of the Synodical Conference; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod do not extend loans to colored missions from its Church Extension Fund.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Who is Entitled to a Church Extension Loan?

This question was brought up in the report of the Secretary of Missions, pp. 114, 115.

Action of Synod: The *recommendations of Committee 2* were *adopted* in the following form:

1. WHEREAS, Present Church Extension funds are limited and therefore unable to meet all demands made upon it; therefore be it

Resolved, That loans preferably be made to Districts for mission-congregations unable to carry the added burden of interest to be paid on such loans to enable them to secure a modest but adequate place of worship, school, parsonage, or teacherage.

2. WHEREAS, Growing, fast-developing congregations are at times in need of larger loans to finance needed projects to meet the opportunities within their community;

WHEREAS, Such congregations at times find it extremely difficult to float the loans necessary with their own membership or from without;

WHEREAS, The rate of interest asked for the loan is usually prohibitive; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of three competent laymen be appointed by the Church Extension Board to study this problem, devise ways and means to meet this situation, and to submit their findings to the Board of Directors for final disposition under advisement with the Church Extension Board.

Combining Church Extension and Home Mission Boards

(Memorials 404 and 405)

WHEREAS, At the present time the amount of delinquent loans due the General Church Extension Fund is about $545,000; and

WHEREAS, This condition of the Fund seriously affects the progress of Home Missions; and

WHEREAS, Under the prevailing circumstances the officials of the Church Extension Board are usually limited to correspondence in dealing with this situation and this procedure has been found to be ineffective; and

WHEREAS, The work of the Church Extension Board necessitates the employment of a full-time secretary; and

WHEREAS, The work of missions and church extension is so closely interlocked; and

WHEREAS, This fact has been recognized by several Districts, which have brought both of these phases of church-work under unified supervision and declare their satisfaction with this arrangement; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod consider a definite tie-up of the Church Extension Board with the Board of Home Missions in North America; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod call an assistant to the Executive Secretary of the Board of Home Missions in North America, whose chief duty it shall be to establish personal contact with all churches having loans from the General Church Extension Fund for the purpose of securing repayments promptly and in full, for the supervision of new loans, and for the solicitation of moneys to increase the Fund.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ATLANTIC DISTRICT
per LOUIS T. BUCHHEIMER, *Secretary*

The Central District Home Mission Board endorses the above memorial.

W. C. BIRKNER
Secretary of Missions, Central District

Resolutions of Committee 2:

WHEREAS, The Board of Church Extension assures us that there has been, and will be in the future, a fine spirit of cooperation between it and the Board of Home Missions; and

WHEREAS, At the present time the Fiscal Office of Synod is well equipped to handle the fiscal transactions of the Board of Church Extension; and

WHEREAS, The various District boards are ever ready to assist and advise the Board of Church Extension; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Church Extension has at this time a temporary man in the field who visits the delinquent congregations; and

WHEREAS, The estimated amount of approximately $5,000 as the cost per year of such an office would be more profitably expended for our missions and missionaries whose needs in instances are crying; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Church Extension continue its policy of cooperation with mission boards toward our common objective of saving souls; and be it further

Resolved, That whenever the Board of Church Extension deems it impossible to do its work without additional man-power, the members thereof be encouraged to make their needs known to Synod at a future convention.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Institutional Missions

Concerning this phase of our mission-work, *Committee 2* brought in the following *resolutions:*

1. Since many congregations or groups of congregations are very effectively conducting institutional mission-work; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod heartily commend these congregations for their work and urge other congregations to undertake this blessed work whenever and wherever feasible.

2. *Resolved,* That the Secretary of Missions give full recognition to city and institutional missions in his report to Synod and that he from time to time encourage all our District mission boards:

a) To make surveys of institutional-mission opportunities in their Districts;

b) To encourage their pastors and missionaries to carry on regular work in the public institutions located in their fields of labor;

c) To call full-time city and institutional missionaries and put them to work at points where there is an abundance of institutional-mission opportunities.

3. Since very commendable work has been done by our Executive Secretary of Missions, especially also in gathering valuable information of all kinds for the use of Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That, since a great number of institutional missions are being conducted in the territory of the Missouri Synod, our Mission Secretary be instructed in future to place information concerning these missions before Synod as far as this may be possible.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Report of Army and Navy Commission for Chaplains

(Memorial 402)

Your Commission met for organization on February 13, 1936, at Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y., to draft preliminary rules for the work of the Commission.

Your Commission found it was its duty to endorse qualified pastors for the services. It also took steps to notify the Chief of Chaplains (Army) and Head of Chaplains' Division (Navy) that henceforth all applicants from our church-body were to be endorsed by the Commission. Communications are on file from both departments that henceforth only such men would receive consideration as have been endorsed by the Commission.

The Commission set up rules according to which applicants may be endorsed. The rules are as follows:

A. General Rules

1. Every pastor desiring a chaplaincy in the Army or Navy must first apply to the Commission for a proper application form (1 A) before making application to the War and Navy Department.

2. After receipt of application (Form 1 A), properly filled out, the Commission shall investigate the applicant's character, ability, family background, ecclesiastical standing, adaptability, soundness of doctrine and Biblical practise.

3. If such investigation leads to favorable results, the candidate shall be directed to apply to the respective Government authority for a commission, whereupon the necessary endorsement will be forwarded by Synod's Commission.

4. After the candidate has received notification of his appointment by the Government, the Commission will issue a call to the applicant as a representative of Synod in the Corps of Chaplains.

5. The acceptance of the call from the Commission implies acceptance of the regulations of the Commission for the supervision of Synod's representatives in the Corps of Chaplains.

B. Regulations for Chaplains

The following are the requirements for appointment in the military services of the Government, and the Commission will not make any requests for waivers of the Government's requirements, except in rare cases.

The applicant must

1. Be between the ages of twenty-three and thirty-four.*
2. Be an ordained minister with two years' experience.
3. Be physically sound.

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* Applicants for a commission in the Army Reserve Corps may have attained the age of forty-two.

4. Be at least five feet six inches tall.

5. Be a citizen of the United States.

6. Have an A. B. or Th. B. or their equivalents.

C. Regulations for Commission

The Commission will endorse only such applicants as

1. Meet the Government requirements.

2. Will agree to submit monthly reports to the chairman of the Commission.

3. Will agree not to seek a commission in the regular services without the knowledge and consent of the Commission.

4. Will agree to resign their chaplaincy when advised by the Commission of the necessity of such action.

5. Will not violate the principles of separation of Church and State nor be involved in unionistic practises.

6. Will recognize the Commission as supervisor of their work and give full cooperation to the Commission.

7. Will attend the conferences in the respective District of Synod to which they belong and regularly attend the synodical convention.

D. Duties of the Commission

The Commission

1. Shall keep in touch with the Chief of Chaplains of the Army and Navy in Washington and ascertain at all times when vacancies exist for men of our Church.

2. Shall solicit applicants for commissions when necessary.

3. Shall give counsel to chaplains entering the services.

4. Shall report to Synod on the work and problems of the chaplains.

5. Shall insist on regular monthly reports from chaplains in the services on active duty.

6. Shall give information through official organs of Synod concerning location of chaplains, so that our Lutheran men may be directed to them.

7. Shall take the necessary action for the removal from office of such chaplains as depart from accepted Scriptural teachings and practises or persist in an ungodly life.

In addition to the above rules and regulations the Commission drafted forms for applications, questionnaires, reports, diploma of vocation, and a manual of pastoral ethics for Army and Navy chaplains.

We now have in the services two chaplains in the Army and two in the Navy as well as four Reserve Army chaplains on active duty with the CCC camps. We have, as far as known, twenty-six pastors who are commissioned in the Reserve Corps of the Army; one commissioned in the New York National Guard.

The seven chaplains on active duty report monthly to this Commission, and a survey reveals that a tremendous amount of work is done for us by our men.

A sample report, not out of line with all others, from one of our chaplains shows that in six months one chaplain preached 106 sermons to 9,324 men; conducted Bible classes; distributed 5,000 pieces of Christian literature, including over 100 New Testaments; traveled over 13,000 miles and spoke before 24 gatherings of our own congregations and societies.

The Commission has held five meetings to date.

This report was adopted March 14, 1938, at Fort Wayne, Ind., with all members of the Commission present.

KARL SCHLEEDE, *Secretary*

Committee 18 brought in the following *recommendations:*

1) That Synod extend a vote of thanks to the commission appointed for the drafting of rules pertaining to the Army and Navy Commission for Chaplains;

2) That Synod adopt Section A. "General Rules";

3) That Synod adopt Section B. "Regulations for Chaplains";

4) That Synod adopt Section C. "Regulations for Commission";

5) That Synod adopt Section D. "Duties of the Commission."

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

The secretary of *Committee 2* was given permission to read the following *declaration of the former Army and Navy Committee* into the minutes:

"Pursuant to the resolution of Synod your Committee has carefully studied the official documents regarding the office and functions of the chaplaincy in the Army and Navy. The Committee also heard reliable testimony from several of our pastors who have been chaplains in the Army; furthermore, the Committee received interpretations personally from the Chief of Chaplains on some of the paragraphs and wording of the regulations which were indefinite and might be variously interpreted. The Committee was impressed with the fact that again and again it is emphasized in these documents that the chaplains are to function 'according to their respective creeds or conscientious practise in each case.' (A. R. 60—5, p. 3.) And although they are under the authority of the commanding officers, this provision does not imply any dictation as to their spiritual ministry; consequently the con-

scientious Lutheran chaplain can avoid all unionistic practises. This has been corroborated by pastors who have been chaplains in the Army. The Committee is also convinced that in offering our men for the chaplaincy, there is no departure from the accepted Scriptural position of our Synod on the separation of State and Church. The Government is interested in the moral welfare of the Army and Navy and presents, through the chaplaincy, opportunities for service to those who desire the ministrations of the chaplain; and while it contributes towards the maintenance of the chaplains a stipulated allowance, this does not conflict with the doctrine of the separation of Church and State, especially since he must perform his duties 'in conformity with the teachings of denominational beliefs.' (*Chaplain; His Place,* p. 13.) And again, 'The chaplain will naturally give such religious ministrations as the rites and practises of his Church may warrant, provided it be seen that such are desired by the patient.' (*Chaplain; His Place,* p. 23.) Furthermore, the Church commissions or calls these men and, even though appointed by the Government, they represent us only as long as they conform to the principles and practises of our Synod as members in good standing. Therefore we hold that the President should carry out the resolution of the Cleveland Convention and forthwith appoint an Army and Navy Board. (*Proceedings,* p. 13.)

Respectfully submitted:

"Geo. A. Romoser, *Chairman*
"J. Frederic Wenchel, *Secretary*
"H. D. Mensing
"A. G. Dick
"F. C. Proehl"

The Rev. M. C. Poch, Army Chaplain at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, briefly reported on his work among the soldiers.

B. VARIOUS MISSIONS

Home Missions in North America

(Memorial 407. Cp. Memorial 401, 1—5.)

1. This year marks the opening of the centennial festivities of our Church. It records one hundred years of existence, one hundred years of continued mission activities.

2. As we permit decade after decade to pass before us in review, we note how our fathers slowly but surely forged ahead and year after year enlarged the tent so that today our missionaries have gone forth to every State of the Union and to five of the Canadian provinces.

3. Of old it was more or less a slow process when our missionaries pressed forward to the adjacent territories to gather Lutheran settlers and to minister to the spiritual needs of young and old. Wearily they trudged along by wagon or on horseback in the midst of wintry blasts or under the blazing sun of summer until they finally reached their destination to bring their message to the assembled groups or to bring comfort to the sick and dying.

4. But the days of frontier life and the covered wagon are no more. The horse-drawn stage-coach, the ox-cart, and the mule-team have made room for the auto and the swift-moving train. The missionary of today therefore cannot only perform his duty with greater ease and comfort (although there are still less fortunate ones in the far-flung outlying territories), but he can also reach out to more communities, to a larger number of individuals, and bring the message of peace oftener than the missionary of old.

5. Thirty years ago the Board of Home Missions began its activities. Until then each District had conducted and supported the work of Home Missions in its territory. But when the opportunities in some of the Districts increased in such a manner as to make it impossible for them to finance the mission undertakings alone, Synod appointed a Board of Home Missions whose duty it should be to devise ways and means to come to the assistance of such Districts. During the first year only $3,742 was available, and when the first year closed its books, there was a deficit of $4,643.

6. But what of the present day? And what of the future? As we review the past few years, the years of stress, and then consider the present, we cannot but lift up our hearts in deepest gratitude toward Him who doeth all things well. Large harvests follow thorough harrowing, better fruit is the result of careful pruning, and spiritual growth is stimulated by hardships. This has always been true regarding the work of the Church; so it was in the days of the early Church and in the days of the Reformation, and so it is today. The depression was indeed a blessing in disguise. The work of the Church and of its missions went on in spite of reduced income. From 1932 to 1936 a total of 419 new stations were opened. 192 mission-stations became self-supporting. During the same period 143 stations were discontinued. To our knowledge none were closed because of lack of funds, but rather because they proved to be barren fields, holding forth no prospect of future development. The faithful few at such stations were, as a rule, affiliated with near-by parishes.

7. **Subsidies from 1935 to 1937**

Districts	Cost, 1935	Cost, 1936	Cost, 1937
Atlantic	$15,000.00	$17,400.00	$19,838.75
North Dakota and Montana	12,500.00	13,450.00	13,000.00
Texas	14,000.00	13,440.60	13,500.00
Southern California	11,400.00	10,000.00	12,750.00
Oklahoma	11,500.00	11,500.00	12,000.00
Southern	13,500.00	13,500.00	14,520.00
Colorado	12,600.00	13,600.00	15,125.00
Oregon and Washington	25,000.00	25,000.00	24,600.00
California and Nevada	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,840.00
Manitoba and Saskatchewan	25,800.00	25,000.00	25,200.00
Alberta and British Columbia	25,000.00	24,000.00	23,500.00
South Dakota	5,500.00	5,500.00	7,000.00
Emergency and Board Expenses	434.77	575.74	1,518.17
	$189,234.77	$189,966.34	$200,391.92

Special Subsidies

Atlantic District			
Seamen's Mission	$2,490.00	—	—
Foreign-tongue Missions	8,846.00	$8,846.00	$8,850.00
Jewish Missions	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Eastern	55.00	25.00	—
English			
Rutherfordton School	240.00	158.82	—
Southeastern Field	—	545.00	4,921.89
Northern Illinois	3,399.71	3,887.40	4,072.99
North Wisconsin	4,233.93	4,398.41	195.69
	$21,264.64	$19,860.63	$20,040.57
Total Subsidies	$210,499.41	$209,826.97	$220,432.49

8. The Oregon and Washington District allowance includes subsidy for the Alaska Mission.

9. The South Dakota District, which has not definitely joined the ranks of the subsidized Districts, was granted an emergency allowance each year during the past triennium because of the prolonged drought situation.

10. At the synodical convention in Cleveland, O., in 1935, we reported that it was found necessary temporarily to discontinue our missions in Alaska and Mexico City. The convention by resolution "encouraged the Board to keep a watchful eye upon both of these fields and to reopen these missions as soon as conditions become favorable." We are pleased to report that the mission in Alaska was reopened at Palmer in the Matanuska Valley when the Government entered upon the colonization of this territory, bringing settlers from the drought-stricken area

of the United States to Alaska. Among the settlers were a large group of Lutheran families of different nationalities. With the aid of a loan from the General Church Extension Fund a chapel-parsonage was erected. — The work is in charge of the Oregon and Washington District.

11. Concerning our mission opportunities in Old Mexico we refer to the overture of the Texas District Mission Board. We heartily endorse their petition and urge that Synod take favorable action.

12. In accordance with instructions given, the Board has made available to the English District Mission Board funds "for the enlargement of mission-work in the Southeast territory." We believe that the development of the increased mission opportunity in this field demanded the organization of a new synodical District. We therefore urge Synod to authorize the organization of a new District as requested by the congregations of the area involved.

13. *Sundry Missions.* In 1932 it was resolved to eliminate the boards of Foreign-tongue, the Jewish, the Indian, the Seamen's and the Immigrant Missions and to transfer this work to the respective Districts in which the work is carried on. (*Proceedings 1932*, p. 111.) In 1935 it was reported "that some of these missions were taken over by the respective Districts, although special subsidies had to be granted. Other Districts hesitated to take over such missions since they felt that they could not finance them. The District boards, however, were willing to supervise these missions as agents of Synod. It was therefore resolved that this be granted and that special allowance be made for this work until these missions can be entirely absorbed. (*Proceedings, 1935*, p. 146.)

14. We are happy to report that all Districts involved cooperated to carry out the resolutions adopted.

15. Permit us, however, to report that the North Wisconsin District absorbed the Indian Missions in its midst. No subsidy was granted for the salaries of the missionaries since 1937. Only funds necessary for repairs of buildings were drawn. There is a petition before the convention presented by the Board of Home Missions to transfer the Red Springs, Wisconsin, and the Oneida, Wisconsin, and other properties to the North Wisconsin District and to terminate the Indian Missions account in Synod's treasury and to transfer any balance to the North Wisconsin District. Since the properties and funds involved will be used in the interest of said Indian Missions, we urge that said petition be granted.

16. We wish to report also that the Oregon and Washington

District closed the Indian Mission at Yakima, Washington, because it proved to be a barren, unproductive field;

17. That in the Eastern District necessary adjustments were made in the Foreign-tongue Missions to make further subsidies from the Mission Fund of the Board of Home Missions unnecessary;

18. That the Southern California District includes the subsidy necessary for the Spanish mission in Los Angeles in its annual subsidy request for its District missions;

19. That in the Atlantic District the Seamen's and the Immigrant Mission were subsidized from the proceeds of the investments of the Immigrant Mission Society's properties and holdings. The necessary subsidy to conduct the Foreign-tongue and the Jewish Missions was included in the total subsidy granted this District;

20. That in the Northern Illinois District the Lithuanian congregation became self-supporting and that the Spanish-Mexican mission will in all likelihood be discontinued; that the Polish and Latvian missions are strongly advancing toward self-support. Only the Assyrian mission will be in need of continued support for some time to come.

21. We believe it to be to the best interests of the Foreign-tongue Missions in Northern Illinois to let them be absorbed by the Northern Illinois District. We therefore recommend that Synod plead with the Northern Illinois District to take over the sundry synodical missions.

22. In view of the cooperative spirit shown by the several Districts in the conduct of the sundry missions an expression of appreciation is in order.

23. *Missions Conference.* In accordance with directions given by the convention in 1935, missions conferences were held in 1936. In 1937 the Missions Conference was held jointly with the Fiscal and the Centennial Committee Conference at St. Louis. At these missions conferences topics of particular interest to the missionary are discussed. Though all members of the Missionary Conference deeply appreciated the wonderful opportunity given them to be present at a gathering of such importance as the Fiscal, Missions, and Centennial Committee Conference, we believe that the cause of missions will be served best if the representatives of the Missionary Conference meet separately and at a time other than the Fiscal or any other conference sponsoring different interests.

24. *Candidate Fund.* This fund is operating in its third year. The purpose of this fund is to place candidates temporarily into good-sized congregations to assist pastors or mission boards to

canvass given territories, to survey new fields, and to perform such other pastoral duties as the pastor in charge or the mission boards may assign to them. Highly encouraging reports on the activities of the young graduates were received. Only in a few instances were the reports less encouraging. The subsidy from the Candidate Fund is a distinct blessing not only to the young candidate working under the guidance of an experienced pastor, but also a blessing to the congregation as such. A direct result, largely due to their consecrated efforts, is the increased attendance at public worship, the increased number of adults for membership classes, increased enrolment of Sunday-school pupils, and in many instances a greater interest in Bible-study and the work of the local congregation on the part of the youth.

25. All available candidates, with the exception of approximately one hundred, were employed by congregations and mission boards without any cost to Synod. More than eighty-five of the candidates of the one hundred not supported by congregations or mission boards received subsidy from the Candidate Fund. Congregations appreciating the work accomplished by the candidates under the guidance and leadership of their pastor now contribute quite liberally toward the salary of the candidates. This financial assistance given by the congregations employing the candidate enabled the Board of Home Missions to reduce its subsidy request for the Candidate Fund from $75,000 to $50,000.

26. We recommend that the necessary funds be granted to continue the present work of the temporary placement of candidates as long as the present candidate situation exists.

27. *Mission Expansion Fund.* The past years of depression were in many ways a real blessing. We were compelled to survey our mission activities most carefully, to discover and to stop the leaks, make adjustments, and amalgamate and consolidate in order to make ends meet. Then followed an almost Synod-wide stagnation, a certain fear, which halted the glorious work entrusted to our care. Little or no mission expansion was undertaken whenever it meant added expenses. The boards feared to be unable to meet the cost. The candidates temporarily placed, however, worked on, and as we might expect a number of new fields blossomed forth, fields that demanded a permanent pastor. The Board for Home Missions therefore came before the Fiscal Conference and pleaded for a special Mission Expansion Fund to be used by subsidized as well as self-sustaining Districts for the purpose of opening new fields. In 1937 the Fiscal Conference granted $15,000 for this purpose and for 1938 $25,000. It is the policy of the Board for Home Missions to grant subsidy from the Mission

Expansion Fund in the amount equal to that of the salary paid single missionaries of the District or married missionaries plus a reasonable amount for rent, less the amount contributed by the parishes. Such subsidy is granted to the end of the respective fiscal year. Thereafter the cost of such a mission is paid by the District Mission Board. If the District Mission Board receives subsidy from the Board of Home Missions, it is understood that said Mission Board may add the amount necessary to its annual subsidy request.

THE BOARD FOR HOME MISSIONS IN NORTH AMERICA
F. C. STREUFERT, *Executive Secretary*

Committee 2 reported:

WHEREAS, The Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States assembled as the Centennial Synod at St. Louis, Mo., June 15 to 24, 1938, is by this very centennial reminded anew of its blessed duty to engage in world-wide mission-work; and

Since we have the effective Gospel for this work and are already assured of the remarkable success of this Gospel, which is a power of God unto salvation; therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to all missionaries both at home and abroad sincerest fraternal greetings together with the assurance of the hearty appreciation of all their labors and their faithfulness and the pledge of continued hearty support in thankful recognition of the blessings Almighty God has showered down upon us during the past hundred years; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod gratefully acknowledge that many mission congregations have helped to reduce the operating expenses of their Districts by assuming a greater share of those obligations, and this despite adverse conditions, and that many missionaries have made personal sacrifices to the same end, so that during the last years our mission-work could record a healthy progress.

Resolved, That Synod urge all Districts, boards, and congregations, especially in view of our confessed gratitude for hundred years of uninterrupted blessings, further to increase their mission-work in their respective fields.

Resolved, That, since we have promising mission-fields in various parts of our country, especially in the West, in the East, and the Southeast, Synod urge all Districts, all congregations, and all pastors to labor even more faithfully and diligently for the expansion of God's kingdom. Synod, however, directs attention to the fact that the home congregation and vicinity is always the most important mission-field and that congregations therefore should assiduously gather in the unchurched in their own confines

and contiguous territory and thus, by strengthening the home base, produce ever greater dynamics for wider service.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

(NOTE. — As to the *Candidate Fund,* compare action under "Missions in General.")

As to the *Mission Expansion Fund, Synod resolved* that the Mission Expansion Fund be continued and that the Fiscal Conference be requested to grant adequate funds.

Home Missions in South America

(Memorials 408; cf. 401, p. 119, *Reports and Memorials*)

It is again our privilege to report to you in regard to your work in South America. Again we can say that God has blessed our work in an abundant measure during the last three years. We are now operating in four of the countries in South America, *viz.,* Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay. God has given us the encouragement of a substantial numerical increase, which, when figured on a percentage basis, ranks with the leading Districts of our entire Synod. In fact, both the Argentine and the Brazil District are among the first five in point of gains. Humanly speaking, much more could have been done if the men and the means were at our disposal. But far overshadowing this numerical increase is the spiritual advancements that have been made. In consequence of the persistent efforts of our faithful missionaries and because of the blessings of a gracious God this numerical increase has been paralleled also by a spiritual growth. Our reports show much improvement in church attendance, participation in Holy Communion, and other evidences of a living faith.

Difficulties have also been encountered by our men in the field. During the last several years Argentina has been especially hard hit by the grasshopper plague. Promising crops were completely destroyed by these pests in a very short time. In some sections of our field drought and the grasshoppers brought about a condition of acute need, which was partially relieved by the help of the congregations in more favored sections. Naturally these discouragements and disappointments have had their effect on the work of the Church, especially as far as the financing of the work is concerned.

God has during these past three years permitted your entire Board to labor in this work. Only during the last few months have we not had our full strength. Mr. G. F. Bauer has been hindered by illness from devoting the time and thought to our work which he had previously done in a very conscientious and efficient manner. However, we feel confident that he will again be with us, fully restored to health, by the time this report is brought to your attention.

Again God has prevented any serious disagreement between the officials and the mission boards of both Districts and your Board

in North America. This has been a great advantage to your Board and to the work in the field. We hope and pray that this cordial relation will continue.

It will be of interest to know that in Brazil our brethren also have a Lutheran Hour on the radio. Professor Schelp of Porto Alegre has been given several opportunities to preach over the radio. From March to the end of December last year 14 sermons were broadcast, 10 during the day and 4 during the evening hours. The cost was met by voluntary contributions. We feel grateful to God for this opportunity and know that His blessing will rest upon this work and that the fruit will also ripen in due season.

The convention of 1935, held in Cleveland, O., instructed the General Church Extension Board to make a loan of $15,000 to the South American Mission Board for the purchase of property, the erection of a chapel, school, and parsonage in Rio de Janeiro. At the suggestion of the Fiscal Office and with the consent of the Board of Directors it was agreed that this loan be made, in conformity with the general practise of Synod, to the Brazilian District and not to the South American Mission Board. This action has thus relieved your Board of all responsibility in regard to the administration of this loan. No doubt, the General Church Extension Board will report concerning the erection of this chapel.

During the past triennium 7 new men were sent to Brazil. These were in part replacements; the rest were sent for the purpose of taking care of new parishes. In passing, it may be remarked that all men sent to South America are placed locally by the local boards. At the present time we have a request for a minimum of 4 additional men. More could be advantageously placed if additional funds were available. To show the opportunities that lie before us in Brazil, Professor Schelp, writing in the local *Kirchenblatt*, says that 4 ministerial graduates entered the field, whereas 18 men were needed adequately to supply the field. According to present indications it would take ten years to graduate this number of candidates. A similar condition exists in Argentina.

In Argentina a beginning has been made in the work in larger cities. During the past year Pastor A. T. Kramer has received and accepted a call to Bahia Blanca and reports excellent prospects. Work has been started also in Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay. At the present time a plan to carry on extensive mission-work in the Spanish language is being put in operation. No definite results can be reported at the present time.

During the past year Pastor Albert Lehenbauer of Brazil was called as director of Concordia College, Crespo. He has accepted this call. Pastor F. Lange of Santa Fe has been called as professor to the same college. He has accepted this call.

Several memorials will be presented to this convention relating to the work in our South American field. We bespeak your earnest and prayerful consideration of these memorials.

In conclusion we append the financial report for the year 1937.

Treasurer's Report

February 1, 1937, to January 31, 1938

Synodical budget for the year		$37,500.00
Extra budget allowed by the Board of Directors		4,000.00
Miscellaneous credits a/c refunds		32.35
		$41,532.35
Argentina: DISBURSEMENTS		
District Treasurer	$10,010.93	
Traveling expenses	913.91	
Furlough salaries	1,810.00	
	$12,734.84	
Brazil:		
District Treasurer	$27,224.16	
Traveling expenses	910.75	
Furlough salaries	300.00	
	$28,434.91	
Miscellaneous items chargeable to both Districts	357.37	
		$41.527.12
Balance at end of year		$5.23

Expansion Fund

Total allowed		$5,000.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
To Treasurer of Argentine District	$2,400.85	
To Treasurer of Brazil District	2,599.15	
	5,000.00	
Balance		

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA

REV. F. G. MIESSLER, *Chairman* — REV. TR. THIEME
REV. THEO. DORN, *Secretary* — MR. E. W. TATGE
MR. H. F. ROHRMAN, *Treasurer* — MR. G. F. BAUER
REV. E. V. HASERODT

The discussion was prefaced by the remarks of Professor Rehfeldt, who spoke on the work in Brazil, Pastor J. A. E. Bauer, who reported on Argentina, and Pastor P. Schulz, who gave his impressions in connection with his visit to South America.

Committee 2 reported:

In spite of many trials and difficulties our brethren in South America, who are now laboring in Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay,

and Uruguay, are building the Lutheran Zion with undaunted courage under the signal blessings of our Lord. For this, Synod is duly grateful, praising God and commending our missionaries for their arduous and faithful work and the Board for its untiring labor and interest.

And since we are informed that the greatest need in our South American field is more men, so that sixteen men could at once be employed, and that not for expansion but for present needs only, be it

Resolved, That Synod make provisions to send more men to South America; and be it further

Resolved, That the Fiscal Conference be requested to do its utmost to find the necessary funds for this purpose, so much the more since the South American congregations are encouraging one another to do ever more for the financial up-keep of the ministry in their midst.

Since the need of schooling is great, both in Brazil and in Argentina,

We *commend* our brethren for their zeal in establishing an ever better Christian school system for the better indoctrination of the children; and furthermore Synod regards it as a sound policy for the future of our Church in South America that the brethren, wherever feasible, are using the Spanish and Portuguese languages for the spreading of the Gospel.

In order that a truly indigenous Church may be established and maintained, it is necessary to train pastors and teachers in the country concerned. Be it therefore

Resolved, That Synod commend the brethren in South America for their zeal in this direction and encourage them to ever greater efforts.

In view of the increased mission opportunities and in view of the crying need for more adequate provision for the workers in the field, we once more plead with the Fiscal Conference to place at the disposal of the South American Mission Board, to the best extent of its financial ability, funds sufficient to embrace these mission opportunities and to meet the existing need.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Home Missions in Europe

Report of the Mission Board

(Unprinted Memorial No. 15)

The Board of Home Missions in Europe herewith submits to the Honorable Synod a brief report on the mission-fields in Europe together with the recommendations of the Board.

The numerical increase in the various fields is but small; in fact, we can say that the brethren are but holding their own. However, we feel that this is sufficient reason for gratitude, inasmuch as our brethren are laboring under extremely difficult conditions. The Free Churches are everywhere looked upon as sects, and to this day it requires a genuine sacrifice to be identified with them.

Germany

The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Saxony and Other States is the second-largest free Church in Germany. It numbers 12,662 souls, 9,362 communicant members, 62 congregations, and 40 pastors. Services are held regularly in 190 towns and cities. Of the congregations 18 are self-supporting. A new congregation has been founded in Bagband, East Frisia. At present 69 souls have separated from the State Church and joined this congregation.

The depression which began in 1930 hit Germany especially hard, but by careful and wise management serious deficits have been avoided. The average contribution per communicant member amounted to $7 during the year 1937. The brethren request that the Hon. Synod continue the subsidy of $30,000 a year also during the next triennium.

The Board recommends that this request be granted.

For further information about the Free Church of Saxony and for information about religious affairs in Germany we call attention to a memorial booklet dedicated to the Hon. Synod on the occasion of her centennial by the Free Church of Saxony and Other States, which will be distributed during the convention.

France

The Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Alsace numbers 5 pastors, 14 congregations and preaching-stations, 552 souls, and 393 communicant members. The average contribution per communicant member was $12.

The brethren in France also experienced financial difficulties, chiefly because certain properties did not yield the expected returns owing to abnormal conditions. This situation was made still more difficult through the unexpected death of Mr. Henry Kreiss, Sr., the Treasurer of the Free Church. Mr. Kreiss was a man of wide business experience and had given his entire time to the management of the financial affairs of the Church and its properties. The brethren request a subsidy of $5,000 also during the coming triennium. This request is supported by Mr. J. Christian Schneider of the Free Church of Saxony and Other States, who at the request of the Board thoroughly investigated the financial situation in France.

The Board recommends that this subsidy of $5,000 be granted.

The brethren in France also request the Hon. Synod to make some provision for their participation in the benefits of the Pension Fund. They maintain that their status is the same as that of our foreign missionaries and that they exist as a separate synod only because the laws of France compel such arrangement.

The Board recommends that the Hon. Synod take this question under advisement and, if possible, grant this request.

Finland

The work in Finland is very difficult because 97 per cent. of the inhabitants are nominal members of the so-called Lutheran State Church. The Ev. Lutheran Free Church of Finland numbers 56 preaching-stations, 429 souls, 250 communicant members, and 3 pastors. These people are scattered all over the country. During the past year the brethren traveled 18,114 miles to minister to them all. There are no churches or parsonages. The members contributed $564 during the past year, an average of $2 a member. Our brethren have large families, they must pay rent and a good part of their traveling expenses, and as a result have been in great distress. In order to relieve the financial stress, Pastor R. G. Wegelius has sought and found a secular position. Since, however, this position is not yet certain nor will be for three years, and since the compensation at present received by him is inadequate to support his family, the brethren wish to share with him the subsidy granted by the Hon. Synod. During the past year they received $3,010. During the next triennium they ask a subsidy of $2,822.

The Board recommends that this request be granted.

Estonia

For ten years the Hon. Synod has supported the congregation in Arensburg, Estonia, and its faithful pastor, N. Baeuerle. This congregation numbers 105 communicant members. Besides, Pastor Baeuerle has a number of members residing in 11 different localities, some of them 500 miles from Arensburg. This small and poor flock contributed $600 during the past year. The congregation received a loan from the Church Extension treasury, which is being paid off faithfully. To date, with the exception of several years when the amount was reduced, this congregation received a subsidy of $300 annually. However, a report by the Rev. Henry Grueber, who visited also this congregation and its pastor, has convinced this Board that Pastor Baeuerle, whose family now numbers seven persons, should have an increase in salary.

The Board recommends that the subsidy for Arensburg, Estonia, be increased to $400.

Emergency Fund

The Board requests that an Emergency Fund of $500 annually be placed at the Board's disposal. This fund is used to pay the traveling expenses of one of the Finnish brethren and of Pastor N. Baeuerle to the convention of the Free Church of Saxony and Other States, also to pay the traveling expenses of members of the Board to fiscal conferences and the synodical convention, the synodical publications for the brethren in France, Finland, and Estonia, and other miscellaneous expenses.

Finally, the Board expresses its appreciation that the Board of Directors sent a representative, in the person of Vice-President Henry Grueber, to inspect the mission-fields in Europe. *The Board recommends that a representative of Synod be sent at regular intervals.*

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS IN EUROPE
PAUL G. SANDER

Report of Committee 2:

In regard to the mission in *Germany* as conducted by the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Saxony and Other States, we note with joy that eighteen congregations are self-supporting, that a new congregation has been founded, and that the average contribution of the members is very gratifying; and we therefore recommend that it be

Resolved, That Synod commend the members of the Free Church of Saxony and Other States for the faithful support of their work; and be it further

Resolved, That the request for a subsidy of $30,000 a year be referred to the Fiscal Conference for favorable action.*

Regarding the congregations in *France,* we *recommend* that sympathy be expressed to the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of Alsace for the loss of their Treasurer, Mr. Henry Kreiss, whom the Lord translated to the Church Triumphant.

We further *recommend* that, if possible, Synod make provisions for the participation of our brethren in France in our Pension Fund, since it is due solely to the laws of France that a separate synod is maintained in that country; and be it finally

Resolved, That the request for a subsidy of $5,000 be referred to the Fiscal Conference for favorable action.

In repect to the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church of *Finland,* be it

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* Committee 2 brought in the *resolution,* which was *adopted:* Be it *resolved* that the phrase "referred to the Fiscal Conference for favorable action" as used by Synod's Committee on Missions in its reports shall not be construed so as to make the granting of a request mandatory.

Resolved, That Synod commend the pastors of that Church for their zeal and ardent labors in traveling great distances in order to minister to their scattered flocks; and be it further

Resolved, That the request for a subsidy of $2,822, which is $188 less per annum than during the previous triennium, be referred to the Fiscal Conference for favorable action.

In regard to the mission in *Estonia,* we commend Pastor N. Baeuerle for his untiring zeal in ministering to eleven different localities over an area of five hundred miles, and we note with satisfaction that the loan from the Church Extension Fund to the congregation at Arensburg is being retired.

Resolved, That the subsidy be increased by $100 per annum, that is, to the sum of $400 a year, and that this request be referred to the Fiscal Conference for favorable action.

Regarding a requested *emergency fund,* be it

Resolved, That Synod refer the disposition of this request to the proper authorities.

Action of Synod: These recommendations and resolutions were *adopted.*

Missions to Deaf and Blind

(Memorial 409; cf. 401, pp. 120 f.; 701, C, 2)

Report of the Mission Board

Another triennium of blessed work in our Deaf and Blind Missions has come to a close. We are assured that the work has not been in vain; for according to God's own promise His Word shall not return unto Him void.

The principal events and changes in these missions during the past three years are herein set forth.

In 1936 we were privileged to look back over a period of forty years of work done by Synod among the deaf. The work has been sponsored by Synod since 1896. In 1937 we reached the tenth anniversary of Synod's work among the blind. May God continue to bless these missions to the glory of His name and the salvation of many blood-bought souls.

The following changes became necessary during the past triennium: In 1936 our missionary in Chicago accepted a call into a hearing congregation after serving in our mission about eighteen years. The missionary in Detroit, Mich., was successfully called to fill the vacancy in Chicago, the Cleveland missionary was called to the Detroit field, and a pastor of a hearing congregation who had been doing volunteer work in the Deaf Missions for five years was called to Cleveland. A formerly part-time worker was called into the Indiana field, which became vacant on account of

the local missionary's enforced resignation because of continued ill health. The headquarters for the Texas mission-field was changed to Oklahoma City, Okla., in 1936. In February, 1936, we placed a new worker in Canada, thus carrying out the resolution of the Cleveland Convention, and in January, 1938, a new man entered the work in the newly established Sioux Falls, S. Dak., field. The Spokane field, vacant since 1935, is still being served by two of our missionaries together with their own fields.

It pleased God to take out of His Church Militant into His Church Triumphant a very promising and able worker, Pastor F. A. Hischke, missionary at St. Louis. He was summoned suddenly February 10, 1938. This is the first case in forty-two years that a missionary has been taken from the ranks of our missions to the deaf through death.

We have at present twenty workers in our Deaf and Blind Missions serving 230 stations together with many State and county schools, State hospitals and asylums for the deaf, the School for the Blind at Berkeley, Cal., and the only college for the deaf, which is at Washington, D. C. In Chicago, St. Louis, and Kansas City, Mo., our missionaries preach also to the colored deaf, and the Cleveland missionary has just begun to gather a group of colored deaf. The St. Louis missionary has been very successful in his work at the Seminary, instructing the students in the sign-language. Sixty students attended his classes this last school-year.

That our missionaries come into contact with many children and adults from coast to coast, from Texas to Canada, can be seen from their annual reports. From these reports we give the following summary statistics for the past three years:

	Total Figures for 1935	Total Figures for 1936	Total Figures for 1937
Number of Stations	212	213	230
Voting Members	317	278	290
Communicants	1,818	1,961	2,052
Communed	4,578	4,989	4,291
Confirmed	122	112	138
Adult Baptisms	48	39	27
Gained by Letter	33	60	32
Gained by Confession of Faith	31	28	34
Baptisms, Children	53	58	47
Marriages	32	27	34
Burials	20	35	26
Number of Services	2,191	2,336	2,304
Periods of Instruction	1,965	2,268	2,035
Pastoral Calls	3,201	2,978	2,980
Missionary Calls	4,549	4,211	4,275
Children of All Ages under Instruction	435	455	567

Two of our missionaries are working chiefly among the blind through the means of magazines, personal contacts, and correspondence. This work is also bearing splendid fruit, as the many letters received by them testify.

The following literature is published in the interest of the blind: *The Lutheran Messenger for the Blind,* a monthly periodical published in the English Standard Braille, is mailed to over 1,000 addresses in the United States and in twenty-five foreign countries. *The Lutheran Herald for the Blind,* printed in Moon Type, is mailed quarterly to about 766 addresses, and *Der Lutherische Bote,* also a quarterly, printed in German Braille, is mailed to 1,200 addresses, with readers also in every State of the Union and in many foreign countries. Tracts in Spanish Braille are sent about once a year to approximately thirty-three addresses. The size of these mailing-lists could be readily increased if funds were at our disposal.

Other braille literature available in book form: *Luther's Small Catechism, with Short Explanations and Bible-passages,* by Dr. W. Dallmann, a *Bible History* in two volumes (a reprint of Synod's *Bible History for Parochial and Sunday-schools, Life of Dr. Martin Luther,* a *Lutheran Hymnal* containing 100 hymns, with braille musical notations, and a *Prayer-book.*

The official periodical of the Deaf and Blind Missions is the *Deaf Lutheran,* a four-page monthly, which is used by the missionaries to keep in touch with their members and also in their mail-mission work among isolated deaf. The editor is Pastor O. C. Schroeder, and the business manager was the late Pastor F. A. Hischke.

Our missionaries are still laboring under a 20-per-cent. cut in salary. We hope the Hon. Synod will soon find it possible to restore at least some of this salary.

The Board held monthly meetings and annually had the pleasure of having the Secretary of Missions in its midst. Because of illness Mr. G. F. Kruse, our very capable treasurer, had to resign; but the Board has been fortunate in getting a willing and an efficient successor in Mr. E. A. Gehrke.

The treasurer's reports show that the following sums were disbursed in these missions during the past three years: in 1935, $40,278.73; in 1936, $41,786.62; in 1937, $42,093.78.

The resolutions of the 1935 convention have been carried out. The Omaha congregation received a loan amounting to $15,000 from the General Church Extension Fund for a chapel and parsonage, which were ready for occupancy in February, 1938. Repayments shall be made by the Board with the money heretofore used for paying rent at Omaha. The St. Louis congregation has been busy looking for a suitable location to build and will request the loan authorized in 1935 as soon as the necessary plans have been drawn.

The Kansas City, Mo., deaf are also looking forward to the time when they shall be able to have their own chapel. They already have a fund for this purpose. The Board herewith requests Synod to authorize the General Church Extension Fund to extend a loan also to this group when necessary, according to the terms of the Omaha project. Repayments are to be made with the money now used to pay rent.

Respectfully submitted by

BOARD OF MISSIONS TO DEAF AND BLIND

H. A. GAMBER, *Chairman* — E. H. BERTRAM
E. F. WITTE, *Secretary* — J. P. MILLER
E. A. GEHRKE, *Treasurer*

In the opening discussion, Rev. Uhlig, newly called as missionary among the deaf in St. Louis, briefly addressed the convention.

Report of Committee 2:

WHEREAS, The Lord has graciously blessed our work among the deaf and blind for the period of forty years; therefore be it

Resolved, That we thank the Lord for His blessing and that we commend the faithful service of the men laboring in this department of our Home Missions; and be it further

Resolved, That, since the work among the deaf and blind under existing conditions is comparatively expensive but highly blessed, Synod urge all congregations to take a lively interest in this work and that, as in the past, classes for the study of the sign-language be again organized at our seminaries; and be it further

Resolved, That, since visitation of the mission-stations on the part of the Board for the Deaf and Blind Missions would mean a great deal for the development of that work, the Board be encouraged to arrange for such personal visitation at regular intervals and that for such a purpose, if possible, a man who understands the sign-language be added to the Board.

In the matter of a request for a loan to build a chapel in Kansas City, Mo., be it

Resolved, That this request be referred to the Church Extension Board for favorable action.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Foreign Missions

Report of the Mission Board

(Memorial 410)

The three years of Foreign Mission work covered in this report have been very full indeed. Tremendous opportunities, almost disastrous shortage of funds and man-power, drought and floods, vexing practical problems — all these were the order of the day, together with joyous reports of successful Gospel-work.

While God certainly blessed the labors of our missionaries and the general secretary of the Board, He also permitted severe trials to visit us, chief among which is the disastrous Sino-Japanese war, at this writing still spreading ruin and horrors without number, hampering and disrupting much of our work, isolating the northern field (Hopei Province, Rev. Bee) completely.

The statistics for 1937 bring the following facts regarding our mission-fields:

India. — We have 182 congregations and 47 out-stations, a total of 229. On Oct. 31, 1937, we had 46 male and 4 female missionaries; these, together with 40 wives of missionaries and 107 children, constitute a total foreign missionary *personnel* of 197. Of Indian mission-helpers, all classes, there are 436. Christians connected with us live in 558 villages. Souls, 17,267; baptized members, 12,790; communicants, 3,581. Of primary and secondary schools there are 120. Pupils in primary schools, 6,862; in middle schools, 1,435; in high schools, 360; grand total of 8,557 pupils. A total of 504 inmates live in our boarding-homes. The total enrolment in training-institutes, in the theological seminary at Nagercoil and in other institutes, is 106.

In agreement with the resolution of the late Delegate Synod Dr. N. Leckband was called and sent out. The hospital at Ambur, under his care, reported a total number of 21,614 treatments for 1937. Regular services are conducted with the patients in this hospital.

China. — We are doing mission-work in the provinces of Hopei, Hupeh, and Szechuan, in 16 organized congregations, 36 preaching- and teaching-stations, a total of 52. We are very glad to report that since the late Delegate Synod six students of our seminary at Hankow were graduated and called into the ministry. On Oct. 31, 1937, we had 17 male and 2 female missionaries, a total of 19. These, together with 15 wives and 47 children, make our total missionary *personnel,* 82 persons. There are 53 native mission-workers. We are ministering to 2,589 souls, 2,273 baptized members, 859 communicant members, and 308 voting members.

Our elementary schools have encountered some difficulty on account of the educational laws of China. A few schools had to be closed. But 14 schools are operating, with a total enrolment of 638, under the care of 19 teachers.

Concordia Seminary, Hankow, had 28 students in the pro-seminary, and 11 in the seminary department, a total of 39 enrolled.

Our medical mission at Enshih (Shihnan), Hupeh, reports a total of 4,040 treatments administered in 1937. Here also regular services are conducted for the patients.

The Board of Foreign Missions resolved to overture Delegate Synod again to grant us sufficient funds to send out a visitor, both to China and India. In late years we had appealed annually for sufficient funds, and have not received them. A visitation of the fields is urged by the missionaries, and the Board realizes the great need. The China field has not been visited since 1926, the India field not since 1930, whereas the synodical resolution requires a visitation *every triennium.* Because of war conditions in China it would seem especially necessary for a visitor to consult such missionaries as could be reached; and if the war ends soon, this would be doubly necessary. In this connection it should be said that Mr. A. Carino should be accompanied on an exploratory trip to the Philippine Islands. About $4,000 would be needed for this visitation.

Land and Building. — During the last triennium we had an appropriation of $15,000 per annum. With strictest economy and because of the financial condition of Synod's treasuries we have not exhausted this amount. Many structures are in serious disrepair, many new structures are necessary. We feel it necessary to ask for another triennium appropriation of $15,000 per annum, to be drawn subject to the regulations of Synod.

Because of the depression appropriations much of our work had to be restricted, and many mission opportunities could not be embraced. Actually there were no special obstacles to our work. With more men and means for work, far more could have been done for the Lord. With a large, unevangelized world of millions of souls, it is heart-breaking to be so seriously restricted because of lack of funds. Unless we busy ourselves, we may be found delinquent by our Lord. "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord negligently," Jer. 48:10.

We had no serious injury so far in consequence of the war in China save the damaging of our missionaries' house at Ichang by a Japanese bomb. Repairs will amount to perhaps $3,000. Thanks to the marvelous protection of God none of our missionaries nor their families nor any native Christians have so far sustained injury or death due to the war.

Our seminary at Hankow was closed when, owing to war conditions, the faculty members and their families evacuated to Hongkong. Two unmarried missionaries, Revs. P. Frillmann and G. Wenger, remained at Hankow to guard our property and advise our native pastors and congregations. Missionaries H. Klein, L. A. Buuck, and families came home on advance furlough because of the war. Their furloughs had been due, however, in 1938. Rev. E. C. Zimmermann is at Shasi, Revs. E. Thode and R. J. Muehl at Ichang, Rev. A. C. Diers at Wanhsien, Rev. H. C. Meyer and Misses O. Gruen and G. Simon at Enshih.

The war has naturally brought on a violent rise in prices. Our Board will be forced, if the war continues, to give our workers a larger salary to keep them from want. Our Synod will surely recognize the necessity of keeping them out of want. While we thank God for their valor, we must stand behind our men. We trust that our Synod will recognize the need and grant us the necessary funds. The Fort Wayne Board for Relief very willingly and promptly granted us $5,000 for relief and evacuation needs, part of which has been drawn. We know that we can appeal for additional help if there is any real need for it.

Our budget appropriation for the current year will not allow us to call a single missionary either to India or to China. Largely because of evacuation from China we were forced to exceed our appropriations by a few thousand dollars during the past year.

Again we must report the loss of valuable workers who had to leave our fields for various reasons. The vacancy caused by the death of Teacher N. Nero was filled by Teacher Th. Breihan, only to recur when the latter accepted a call to the States. Missionary W. Werling's health forced him to come home and eventually to resign, thus leaving the important Simakow field without a resident missionary. Missionaries R. Burow, R. Jank, P. A. J. Mueller, H. J. Meyer, and Miss E. Feddersen resigned from service in India for sufficient reasons. Our losses were only partially covered by sending out the following workers during the past triennium: Rev. P. Frillmann to China; Teacher and Mrs. K. Mueller, first called to China, then transferred to India because of the war; Dr. N. Leckband; Rev. H. Lachmann; Rev. R. P. Sieving; Rev. Martin Lutz and Deaconess Margarete Lutz (later married), all to India.

Missionary A. J. Lutz, India, was permitted, in 1937, to observe his 25th anniversary of service in India, ever since his graduation from Concordia Seminary. This year, 1938, the 25th anniversary of our mission-work in China should be observed with thanks to God.

In the fall of 1936, our esteemed general secretary, Dr. Frederick Brand, was permitted to observe the fiftieth anniversary of his entering the holy ministry. May the Lord of the Church continue to bless the labors of his hands!

In reply to Synod's resolution of 1935 regarding the Chinese Term Question the following resolution of our brethren in China, 1936, must be reported:

"Resolved to thank Synod that, the theological arguments having been thoroughly considered by the brethren in the homeland and there being no controversy on doctrinal grounds, they have placed the confidence in the missionaries in China to entrust them with the matter of the linguistic issues involved with reference to the Chinese term for God for eventual adjustment on the basis of the accepted linguistic usage, without any foreign interference. *We herewith respectfully inform Synod that both terms Shen and Shangti are used properly in our mission, in accordance with generally accepted usage, and that we abide by the general use of the term Shangti and busy ourselves with the one thing needful for the salvation of souls.*"

May the Lord of the Church glorify Himself by blessing both the home Church and the daughter churches beyond our expectation and understanding, to the salvation of many blood-bought souls!

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
PAUL H. F. LIST, *Recording Secretary*

Committee 2 brought in the following resolution:

Resolved, That, since through the Sino-Japanese war the Lord is sorely trying us and especially our missionaries and their families, so that for the time being He has permitted our northern field in China to be laid waste and the work in other sections to be very much hampered, we humble ourselves before God and acknowledge our sins and shortcomings; but at the same time we thank the dear Lord that during these trying and dangerous times He has so graciously protected our heroic workers and has graced them with faith and courage to remain at their posts of duty wherever possible; and we plead with the Lord that also in the future He may hold His protecting hand over our workers and their charges, as we acknowledge with gratitude His bountiful blessings during the last quarter of a century.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

As to the request for an appropriation for *land and buildings, Committee 2 recommended:*

Resolved, That Synod grant the request of the Board of Foreign Missions, which reads: "Many structures are in serious disrepair, many new structures are necessary. We feel it necessary to ask

for another triennium appropriation of $15,000 per annum, to be drawn subject to the regulations of Synod."

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

The Mission Board asked that a *Visitor* be sent to the foreign fields. *Committee 2 recommended:*

Since a visitation of the fields both in India and China is urged by the missionaries and the Board realizes the urgent need of such a visitation; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod accede to the request of the Board to grant sufficient funds for a visitation both in China and in India; and we recommend that, if possible, two men be sent. — *Note:* It was stated that the committee had members of the Mission Board in mind.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Committee 2 recommended the following resolution:

In regard to the passing of Mr. Wm. Lehr, who for many years has served Synod as a member and officer of the Board for Foreign Missions, be it

Resolved, That Synod, by a rising vote, express its sincere appreciation of the faithful services of the departed brother.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Resident Adviser in Foreign Mission Fields

(Memorial 410, p. 145)

Committee 2 brought in the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Synod on previous occasions authorized the Board of Foreign Missions to call a superintendent or resident director of missions for our Foreign Mission fields (see *Proceedings* of 1932 and 1935); and

WHEREAS, Such an arrangement would greatly facilitate the work in the respective fields as well as that of the Board of Foreign Missions, eventually even effecting a saving in actual expenditures and certainly of time; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod again instruct the Board of Foreign Missions to appoint or call a resident adviser or advisers for the mission-fields both in India and China; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Foreign Missions be instructed to consult with the Venerable President and Vice-Presidents of Synod, the Secretary of Missions, and the workers in the respective fields before making the selection of the respective man or men and before drawing up rules and regulations concerning the most practical arrangement, the authority, and the work of such a resident man or men; and be it finally

Resolved, That Synod's Fiscal Conference make provision for the arrangement herein set forth in its appropriations.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Foreign Missions, Philippine Islands

(Memorial 410, p. 145)

Committee 2 reported:

Since we have in our midst a candidate from our Seminary in St. Louis who is willing and eager to bring the Gospel to his compatriots in the Philippine Islands; and

WHEREAS, We plan to send Visitors to China and to India; therefore be it

Resolved, That these Visitors at the same time, in company with Candidate Carino, make an exploration of the Philippine Islands as to the possibility and advisability of opening a mission; and be it further

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Board take under advisement the report concerning the exploration and act according to its findings; and be it further

Resolved, That the Foreign Mission Board make arrangements for additional missionary training of Candidate Carino; and be it finally

Resolved, That in the event the Foreign Mission Board arranges for the employment of Candidate Carino in the Philippine Islands, it be done in conjunction with a coworker.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

An Indigenous Foreign Church

(Memorial 401, 34, 35)

Committee 2 reported: Be it

1. *Resolved,* That Synod endorse the recommendations of our Secretary of Missions that in its Foreign Mission work it must be Synod's aim to build up an indigenous Church; and be it therefore

2. *Resolved,* That our mission boards and missionaries be again instructed to organize and carry on all their work with this purpose in mind.

3. In order that this very purpose may be accomplished as expeditiously as possible, we move the adoption of the recommendation, par. 38, p. 119, to wit: "That the Praesidium be in-

structed to appoint a committee which shall in cooperation with the Board of Foreign Missions carefully consider aforementioned matter and offer a course of action to carry out their findings."

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Greetings to all Missions in Foreign Countries

Upon *recommendation of Committee 2* it was

Resolved, That Synod assembled in convention at St. Louis, Mo., June 15—24, 1938, extend to all missionaries, congregations, and brethren in foreign lands fraternal greetings together with an assurance of our continued interest and of our prayers that the Lord may keep us all in His grace and continue to bless us and them as He has blessed us in the past.

New Guinea Mission

Request of the Ev. Lutheran Synod in Australia

Committee 2 reported:

Your Committee for several hours and in several sessions gave due consideration to, and engaged in due deliberations upon, an unprinted memorial dispatched by our sister synod in Australia to this convention, which was supported by two letters and a cablegram sent by Dr. J. H. C. Fritz, now visiting in Australia. The substance of this overture is a request that we support them in a mission venture in New Guinea, which they intend to conduct as their own, toward which, however, they ask us to subscribe an annual subsidy of five thousand dollars ($5,000), until the venture, which necessitated the purchase of a large plantation, becomes self-supporting through the expected commercial proceeds.

We present our recommendation in the form of the following *resolutions:*

WHEREAS, The information contained in the communication at our disposal is not sufficiently comprehensive and conclusive to warrant definite action at this time; and

WHEREAS, We hesitate to withdraw five thousand dollars ($5,000) a year from our own missions, which are seriously retarded by insufficient funds, without first being convinced of the merits of the proposed venture; and

WHEREAS, Dr. J. H. C. Fritz will in the near future return from his visit with our Australian brethren; and

WHEREAS, He will then be able to explain in detail the request and the venture which has prompted it; therefore be it

Resolved, That we refer the entire matter to the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference for favorable consideration and final disposition; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of Synod immediately notify our brethren of this our temporary action, assuring them simultaneously of our most cordial fraternal regard and sincere interest.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Foreign-Tongue Missions sub Home Missions in North America

(Memorial 411)

WHEREAS, Much of the work in the field of our Foreign-tongue Missions must for reasons of economy be done on an interstate and therefore an interdistrict basis; and

WHEREAS, This condition makes supervision and financing of this important work increasingly difficult and complicated; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Northern Illinois District respectfully petition the Ven. Synod assembled in St. Louis to reconsider its resolution adopted at Milwaukee in 1932 and immediately reestablish a Board for Foreign-tongue Missions as a subcommittee of the Board for Home Missions in North America.

F. L. GEHRS, *Secretary, Northern Illinois District*

Report of Committee 2:

WHEREAS, The present arrangement for the Districts to care for the Foreign-tongue Missions within their boundaries has proved itself to be a blessing; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod plead with the Northern Illinois District to absorb the sundry Foreign-tongue Missions within its confines, especially since some of those missions are fast approaching the time when they will be self-supporting; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod express its appreciation to the Atlantic, the Eastern, the Oregon and Washington, the Northern Illinois, the North Wisconsin, and the Southern California Districts for their splendid spirit of cooperation in the matter of caring for the several Foreign-tongue and Indian Missions.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Indian Missions

Committee 2 submitted the following resolution: Be it

Resolved, That Synod express its gratitude toward the North Wisconsin District for adopting the Indian Missions in Wisconsin as a District enterprise.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Boarding-School for Indians

Mr. Sam Miller of Gresham, Wis., had submitted an overture that the boarding-school for Indian children at Red Springs, Wis., be reopened.

Committee 2 submitted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we commend Mr. Sam Miller for his zeal in behalf of the Christian training of Indian children; and

WHEREAS, The North Wisconsin District has but recently assumed the responsibility for the synodical missions within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, Synod would have to reverse its policy were it to make an exception in the cause of Indian Missions; therefore be it

Resolved, That we instruct Mr. Sam Miller to refer his appeal for the reopening of the Indian School at Red Springs, Wis., to the Mission Board of the North Wisconsin District.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Transferring Indian Mission Property in Wisconsin to North Wisconsin District

(Memorial 413)

In 1932 Synod decided to place certain synodical missions under the direct care and supervision of the respective Districts in whose territory such missions are located. Thus the Indian Missions in North Wisconsin were assigned to the North Wisconsin District. This District has adopted these missions as its own and since February 1, 1937, is financing them without any direct subsidy from Synod. The arrangement has been working out so satisfactorily that there appears no more reason why it should not be made a permanent one. We therefore respectfully suggest that the Synod make this arrangement permanent by adopting the following resolutions:

"*Resolved,* That the Board of Directors of Synod be authorized and empowered, and it is hereby authorized and empowered, to convey to the North Wisconsin District for $1.00 and other valuable considerations Synod's proprietary interest in certain lands, buildings, and equipment formerly used by it in conducting its mission and mission-school at Gresham (Red Springs), Wisconsin, and its mission at Oneida, Wisconsin; and be it further

Resolved to authorize and instruct the Treasurer of Synod, and he is hereby authorized and instructed, to pay to the North Wisconsin District, for its Church Extension Fund, the sum of $1,629.63, this amount being the difference between the credit balance in an account for a proposed teacher's dwelling at Gresham

(Red Springs), Wisconsin, of $3,290.26, and the debit balances in the Indian Mission Building Account of $1,286.34, and in the Indian Mission Cash Account (a restricted deposit) of $374.29 in the American State Bank; and be it further

Resolved, That thereafter said accounts be closed and that any receipts for these former Indian Missions located in North Wisconsin be transmitted to the Treasurer of the North Wisconsin District."

THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS IN NORTH AMERICA
F. C. STREUFERT, *Executive Secretary*

Report of Committee 14:

In 1932 the Indian Missions in North Wisconsin were placed under the care and supervision of the North Wisconsin District. In February, 1937, the North Wisconsin District adopted these missions. The new arrangement has proved entirely satisfactory, as our committee was assured by the President of the North Wisconsin District, Pastor Wm. Kohn, and by the Board of Directors of the North Wisconsin District.

This memorial presents resolutions to the effect that, since the North Wisconsin District conducts the Indian Missions, it ought also to own title to the Indian Mission property and that therefore Synod should convey title to the property to the North Wisconsin District.

Your Committee *recommends:*

Resolved, That Synod adopt, and carry out, the resolutions presented in Overture 413, pp. 150, 151.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Literature for Spanish Missions. Mission in Mexico

(Memorial 414)

At a meeting of the Conference of All Spanish Workers at San Antonio, Tex., August 9, 1937, it was decided to ask the Mission Board of the Texas District of Synod to petition Synod for the following appropriations:

$150 per annum as subsidy for the publication of *Noticiero Luterano,* the Spanish paper which was launched in the fall of 1935, for circulation in our Spanish missions;

Up to $1,200, if so much becomes necessary, for a new edition of the Spanish hymnal, the former edition being totally exhausted and a new edition being a crying need.

Since the latest meeting of the Conference of All Spanish Workers the Spanish translation of the Catechism has just about been exhausted, and a new edition of this book is also necessary. The conference therefore asked the Mission Board to petition

Concordia Historical Institute, St. Louis, Mo.

Synod for an appropriation for a new edition of the Catechism. The sum needed for a new edition will be about $1,000.

The Mission Board of the Texas District petitions Synod to authorize the Board of Missions for North America to appropriate the sums requested above.

The Mission Board of the Texas District furthermore requests that Synod authorize the opening of missions in Old Mexico.

In the *Reports and Memorials* for the 21st Delegate Synod we read on p. 93: "Yet we believe that the field in Mexico is white unto harvest and that we should enter it as soon as possible. With our help the Texas District is preparing a native from Mexico for the ministry at our Springfield Seminary with the object in view of sending him to that field after his graduation." (Quotation from the Report of the Board of Home Missions in North America.)

This native Mexican graduated in 1937, is now at work in Texas under the direct supervision of the Mission Board of the Texas District, and is waiting to be commissioned to bring the Gospel to his countrymen.

The Mission Board of the Texas District is aware that many and great obstacles must be overcome before any representative of ours may be sent across to Mexico; but with due authorization to commission men for this work it will gladly attack all the difficulties in an effort to bring the Gospel of salvation to our neighbors.

The cost for one year is estimated not to exceed $2,500 per missionary.

Respectfully,

THE MISSION BOARD OF THE TEXAS DISTRICT
REV. E. F. MOERBE, *Chairman*
REV. E. A. HECKMANN
MR. E. REUWER
REV. W. H. BEWIE, *Field Secretary*

Committee 2 reported: Be it

Resolved, That Synod provide the Home Mission Board with sufficient funds for the publication of a new edition of a Spanish hymnal, a Spanish catechism, and with an adequate subsidy for the publication of the *Noticiero Luterano,* under the supervision of Synod; and be it further

Resolved, That the above resolution be referred to the Fiscal Conference for action; and be it further

Resolved, That all moneys received from the sale of the hymnal and the catechism revert to the Home Mission Treasury; and be it finally

Resolved, That, if linguistically possible, one and the same catechism be used for our work in Argentina and in Mexico; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod authorize the Home Mission Board either through the Texas District or the Southern California District or through both Districts, as the case may be, to begin mission-work in Mexico when the opportune moment has come; and be it finally

Resolved, That the above resolution be referred to the Fiscal Conference for the appropriation of the necessary funds to begin this work.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Colored Missions

Report of the Mission Board

(Memorial 412)

Negro Missions at Home

The Negro Missions, too, are taking notice of an anniversary this year, the sixtieth. While 1937 really marked the sixtieth anniversary of the Negro Missions, it was deemed advisable and profitable to postpone the celebration of it until this year, thus combining praise and thanksgiving services with those of the celebrating body of Synodical Conference, realizing that the Saxon immigration of one hundred years ago is of special significance also to the Negro Lutheran Church.

Through the God-inspired missionary zeal and the noble endeavors of the fathers the bright light of the Gospel began to shine also to "America's tenth man," thus imparting the warmth of a Savior's love and directing the way to eternal happiness.

This mission is no longer confined to the Southland, where it was originally begun, but the branches of the tree planted sixty years ago have spread out and are reaching also into numerous localities of the North. This tree, though sixty years old, is still strong and healthy, anxious to shoot forth many new branches and to produce more fruit. Opportunities for mission-work are unlimited. The harvest truly is plenteous.

In the States we have at this time 76 congregations and 7 preaching-stations, over 10,000 souls, 5,107 communicants, 2,455 pupils in the day-schools, and 4,683 in the Sunday-schools. Contributions amounted to $31,885.83 in 1937.

The members generally contribute freely as God has prospered them, though it cannot be stated that they have attained to a state of perfection. The spirit of self-support is becoming more evident, and various congregations have made excellent progress in financial

matters. The development of self-support will naturally be a slow process because of the present racial handicap. The mission must depend on the financial support of the Synodical Conference for some time to come.

The Lutheran day-school is acknowledged as the proper background for a Lutheran congregation, and yet we must confess that the number of pupils has somewhat diminished during recent years. This condition, however, is attributable almost entirely to local adverse conditions.

Wherever practicable, the young people are organized into congregational and district groups. Thus we have an active Luther League in the Louisiana field. This district is blessed, too, with an aggressive L. L. L.

The race question has been given much attention by various churches in the South and will gradually also demand more attention in Northern localities.

Africa

At its last convention in Cleveland, 1935, Synod was privileged to hear the report of our Survey Committee on Africa. A resolution was adopted to begin mission-work. This resolution was concurred in by the other synods of the Synodical Conference. Accordingly your Board called on Dr. H. Nau, a member of the Survey Committee, to do pioneer work in Africa. He was granted a leave of absence from his duties at Immanuel Lutheran College for one year, and on March 4, 1936, he and his wife sailed from New York and began work in the Ibesikpo land, Nigeria, Africa. The task was not an easy one; but God in His grace granted consecration and determination to His servants. While Dr. Nau busied himself especially with the indoctrination of the natives by preaching and by instructing and guiding the teachers of the various schools, Mrs. Nau directed her attention, as time permitted, to the native women, teaching them Bible-stories and Christian hymns and also instructing them in home work (naturally in a limited way).

Thirty-two preaching-stations were served by Dr. Nau, and some attention was also given to the Central School. The Central School is owned and operated by the various congregations. In this school we hope to train our future native missionaries. Demands for the missionary's service increased so rapidly that your Board was compelled to provide help at an early date in a field white unto harvest. Repeated calls for seasoned and experienced men failed. December, 1936, brought the good news that young Pastor Wm. H. Schweppe and Candidate Vernon Koeper had accepted the call into the Africa Missions. On March 14, 1937, these young workers, with their wives and a deaconess, Miss Helen Kluck, R. N., sailed from New York and arrived in Africa on

April 24. Help at last! But, after all, what is that among so many famished souls in Ibesikpo land? More workers are needed to do justice in some degree to this new and important venture.

While your Board is following the principle to build up a self-sustaining and self-propagating Church in Africa, it stands to reason that the mother Church must

a) Provide for the needs of the workers she sends over;

b) Assist the African Missions to erect several necessary buildings for their future development. This plan includes the following: a house for the missionary at the boys' Central School (native style), a dormitory and a kitchen at the boys' Central School, a girls' school-building, and a home for the lady teachers.

(These buildings are all to be built according to native style, and our churches in Africa will bear one half of the expense and keep these buildings in repair after they have once been erected. In their great poverty these people could not possibly build these schools alone, and yet they are so very necessary for a proper foundation to a healthy development of the mission.)

Our people in Africa build their own churches and keep them in repair. They also salary their teachers. This arrangement shall continue.

On account of the very primitive conditions in Nigeria it stands to reason that our deaconess, Miss Helen Kluck, is overburdened with work, looking after the needs of the people as they come to her day after day and also endeavoring to instruct them how to preserve their health.

The missionaries at present are living in homes constructed according to the native style, poles and mud. Each one is serving sixteen stations, and, needless to say, their time is fully occupied. Both of them as well as the deaconess consider it a distinct privilege and an unmerited blessing of God to labor in this fertile field. They do not yearn for pity, but they do plead for the prayers and support of the Christians at home.

We thank the Hon. Synod for the cheerful support of the work among the Negroes at home and abroad and confidently look forward to a continuance of such support.

Respectfully,

THE BOARD FOR COLORED MISSIONS
L. A. WISLER, *Executive Secretary*

Dr. Nau opened the discussion of the missions in Africa with a report based on his personal experiences. *Committee 2 reported:*

Resolved, That we join our venerable sister synods of the Synodical Conference in thanksgiving for the signal blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon our Colored Missions during

these sixty years in respect to both internal and external growth. Especially do we express our joy and gratification over the increased grace of Christian giving as manifested by the colored congregations and over the fact that, as a rule, they regard very highly the Christian day-school as a blessed institution for a normal Lutheran congregation. Be it also

Resolved, That Synod appreciate the zeal of pastors, congregations, or groups of congregations in entering upon colored mission work within their communities. But pastors and congregations contemplating the opening of a colored mission station should first consult with the Mission Board of the Synodical Conference.

Resolved, That with thanks to God, Synod, in conjunction with the affiliated bodies, avail itself of the unlimited possibilities in the new African mission-field, particularly since a promising indigenous Church is developing. That Church is straining every effort despite its poverty to bear its own burdens, thus presenting an inspiring example worthy of emulation on the part of many mission-congregations in other fields.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Candidate Jonathan Ekong was presented to the Synod and spoke briefly to the convention.

Separate Districts of Colored Missions

(Unprinted Memorial 10)

The Southern Indiana Pastoral Conference, which includes parts of Kentucky and Southwestern Ohio, in session at Louisville, Ky., April 26—28, respectfully begs leave to submit the following

Overture

WHEREAS, Our Negro Missions in the Southern States of our country have shown small progress toward self-support and proper expansion in the sixty years of their existence; and

WHEREAS, We must hold that in no small measure this is due to a lack of initiative of the colored members of the missions, which again must have its root to a considerable extent in our all too paternalistic administration of those missions; and

WHEREAS, The Northern mission-stations present a complexion very different from that of the Southern States, enlisting men and women of considerable education and ability, whom we cannot hope to interest for long without an adequate opportunity for greater activity and initiative; and

WHEREAS, The education of colored ministers for the Northern States seems to call for an educational institution removed from southern conditions; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention of the Missouri Synod prevail upon its members on the Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference to put forth earnest efforts toward the early creation of separate districts of the Negro Missions, preferably two, one Southern and one Northern, each authorized, under the supervision of the Missionary Board, to effect its own organization, and each endowed with a considerable measure of freedom for the administration of its affairs; and be it further

Resolved, That we deem it understood that the Missionary Board of the Synodical Conference shall retain general supervision over the entire field so as to insure sound Lutheran teaching and practise and the proper administration of our financial subsidies.

Respectfully submitted for the Southern Indiana Pastoral Conference by its Committee:

H. M. ZORN P. G. NAU E. G. EGGERS

Committee 2 reported:

WHEREAS, The suggestions contained in this memorial are well worthy of serious consideration; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod encourage its members on the Mission Board for Colored Missions to bring the matter so ably presented in this memorial to the attention of the Synodical Conference at its early convention and urge that body to give the subject serious consideration and institute proper and early action if the proposed plan be found desirable and practicable.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

V. CONSTITUTIONAL MATTERS

Report of the Committee on Constitutional Matters

(Memorial 501; cf. Unprinted Memorial 42)

Procedure in Case of Appeals

The last convention of Synod, at Cleveland, in 1935, adopted the following resolution in the matter of appeals:

"*Resolved,* That the increasingly vexing problems of procedure in cases of appeals be referred for an opinion to the Committee on Constitutional Matters in order that the rights of the appellants and also of congregations, Districts, and Synod may be defined and fixed according to the principles of equity as well as Christian charity." (*Proceedings,* p. 211.)

The Committee on Constitutional Matters has carefully considered the matter and begs leave to present the following report.

The rules and regulations of our Synod recognize different appeals. There may be an appeal from the decision of the President of Synod to Synod itself (*Synodical Handbook*, p. 23, 4); there may be an appeal from a decision of the Synodical Board of Directors to Synod itself (p. 26, 11). There may be appeals from the decision of an instructor in one of our educational institutions to the president of the institution and from the decision of the president to the Board of Control (p. 64, 4). However, we hold that in the task assigned to us by the convention reference is had only to appeals in cases of discipline, and we accordingly limit ourselves to such cases.

In cases of discipline (excommunication, expulsion, suspension) there may be an appeal from the decision of a local congregation to the President of the District; from the decision of the President or his representative to the District; from the decision of the District to the President of Synod or his representatives; and from the decision of the President of Synod or his representatives to Synod itself.

1. In the matter of church discipline the local congregation is supreme, and its decision is final, Matt. 18:15–18. However, since mistakes and errors in judgment may occur and experience has shown that such mistakes do occur, every congregation of Synod should be willing to permit its fellow-Christians to look into the case if an appeal is made by him who has been expelled by the congregation. Such appeal is to be directed to the President of the District with which the congregation is affiliated. The District President, according to our Constitution, is to exercise supervision over the doctrine, life, and administration of office of the pastors and teachers of his District and to acquaint himself with the religious conditions of the congregations of his District and therefore shall visit, and hold investigations in, the congregations (p. 10, 7). If either the congregation or the expelled member appeals from the decision of the District President or his representatives (Vice-President, Visitor), such appeal is to be directed to the District convention. The District shall look into the matter either during its convention or shall appoint a committee of investigation, and this committee is to render a verdict in the name of the District and report at the next convention of the District, when its verdict is to be accepted or amended or reversed.

Since a case may arise where a congregation or an individual decides to appeal from the decision of the District President to the District convention and such convention is still in the distant future, the two Vice-Presidents of the District (assuming that they have not acted in the case) shall be given the authority to appoint a committee of investigation which is to report at the next convention of the District when the District President reports on the matter. If the Vice-Presidents cannot serve, two Visitors that have not acted in the case shall appoint such a committee in order to expedite the adjudication of the case. (Cp. *Synodical Handbook*, p. 30, 6.)

2. A District President is empowered to suspend a member of Synod from membership in the time between two conventions of the District observing strictly the rules and regulations laid down by Synod regarding such suspension and submitting the case to a confidential committee if the member to be suspended so desires (p. 10, 8; pp. 29. 30). At its next convention the District shall investigate the case and either confirm the sentence of suspension and expel the accused from Synod or annul the sentence (p. 10, 8; pp. 29. 30; p. 12).

3. Every one against whom the decision of the local congregation (excommunication) has been upheld by the District or who has been disciplined by the District (expulsion) has the right to appeal from the decision of the District to the Synod (p. 30, 7; p. 12, 2). Such appeal is to be made to the President of Synod. At the request of the appellant the President of Synod shall appoint a committee which is to study the case in the name and place of Synod, render a verdict, and report at the next convention of Synod, when its verdict is to be accepted or amended or reversed, according to the recommendation of a committee appointed by Synod itself at its convention. If upon the recommendation of this committee a final investigation is to be made, Synod itself is to appoint a committee for such purpose. The verdict of this committee is to be final; the case is closed and will not be reopened unless absolutely new information or evidence is presented, and all future appeals are to be summarily rejected.

In considering again and again this matter of appeals, the undersigned also thought of another way of handling them, *i. e.*, by having a permanent Committee on Appeals. This way has been tried by other church-bodies with satisfactory results. To show how this would work out with our other rules and regulations, a few paragraphs have been formulated tentatively.

Committee on Appeals

1. The Committee on Appeals shall consist of seven members: four clergymen and three laymen elected by Synod. Their term of office shall be three years. No member shall serve on this committee successively more than two terms.

2. The officers of this committee shall be: a chairman, a vice-

chairman, and a secretary. They shall be appointed from the committee's membership by Synod's Committee on Nominations, and they shall constitute the committee's executive board.

3. The duties of this committee shall be:

(a) To consider appeals by individual members and congregations from decisions of any District;

(b) To render decisions on the appeals brought before it.

4. When appeals are presented, they shall be addressed to the secretary of the committee, who shall promptly present them in writing to the executive board of the committee. This board shall then decide whether the appeal can be handled by the executive board or is of a nature which warrants the calling of a meeting of the committee; and the chairman shall then call such a meeting. The committee shall be empowered to make investigations wherever such may be deemed necessary.

5. This committee shall be governed in its acts and judgments by the generally accepted rules of just judicature according to true Christian principles.

6. Every decision of this committee shall be considered final, subject, however, to the approval of Synod, which may amend or reverse the decision at the convention next following the handing down of the decision.

7. Every appeal brought before this committee must be presented in writing; and an exact copy of such appeal must be sent simultaneously to the individual, officer, congregation, or District concerned.

Simplifying Our Election System

At the last convention of Synod the following resolution was introduced and adopted by Synod:

"WHEREAS, The voting delegates are in conscience bound to vote intelligently on all matters presented to the Synod; and

"WHEREAS, This finds particular application in the election of officers, boards, and committee members; and

"WHEREAS, The slates of candidates contain very few names of candidates with whom the voters are acquainted; and

"WHEREAS, It thus develops that most of the electing is done with utter lack of intelligence on the part of the voters; and

"WHEREAS, It would appear to be necessary to simplify our election system in order to overcome the aforesaid objection; therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That we authorize and instruct the Committee on Constitutional Matters, and it is hereby authorized and instructed, to study this problem and to report its findings to the next convention of Synod in an endeavor to reduce the number of elective offices to the utmost minimum and otherwise to simplify our election system so as to enable the conscientious delegate to exercise intelligently his right and duty of suffrage." (*Proceedings,* p. 212.)

The standing Committee on Constitutional Matters has given considerable thought to this matter, but finds itself unable to make definite recommendations unless Synod is willing to make a drastic change and decides to have the members of boards and committees no longer elected but appointed. Such a change we cannot recommend, at least not with regard to the mission boards and other important committees. They should not be appointed by an individual (President of Synod) or even a group (President and Vice-Presidents, College of Presidents, Board of Directors), but elected by Synod itself. If Synod desires to decrease the number of elective offices and make some of them appointive, as has been done with regard to one committee by stipulating that the Literature Board is to be appointed by the President in consultation with the Vice-Presidents, it might extend this procedure to some of the boards and committees mentioned in the *Synodical Handbook,* p. 21, Nos. 10–17, namely, to the Juvenile Board, Student Welfare Committee, Juvenile Literature Board, Committee on Constitutional Matters, Chronicler, Statistician, Correspondent for the Lutheran Church in Foreign Countries, and Railroad Secretary. The difficulty mentioned in the resolution is real, but it is experienced by all conventions following the system of electing its boards and committees. Our present mode of procedure provides that for the offices of President and Vice-Presidents no nominations are to be made, but that for the election of the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Board of Directors and all other officers, boards, and committees the Committee on Nominations shall nominate candidates. This Committee on Nominations shall be elected by seven persons (three pastors, three laymen, and one teacher) elected at the last preceding convention and is to consist of fifteen persons (seven pastors, five laymen and three teachers), men who are well acquainted with the members throughout Synod and represent, if possible, the various Districts of Synod. (*Synodical Handbook,* pp. 59—62.) This Committee on Nominations does the work assigned to it before and during the convention. It might be suggested that this committee should meet some months before the convention meets, that it should then make the nominations and publish the names in the church-papers or in the book of *Reports and Memorials;* but aside from the fact that it is a large committee, coming from all parts of Synod, it seems to us that they would be handicapped by lack of information, which they can best gather shortly before and during the convention. Besides, it is stated

expressly that all members of Synod shall be invited to nominate suitable candidates for the various offices, stating the reason for nominating them.

There is, according to our regulations, one exception to this rule on nominations. It pertains to the nomination and election of some officers for our higher institutions of learning; but the stipulations are not quite clear and harmonious and have repeatedly been misunderstood and not observed. A committee of Synod at the last convention reported: "The question concerning the election of members for the Board of Electors for colleges and seminaries, which was referred by Synod to Committee 15, needs more checking up than can be given by your Committee at this time. Your Committee therefore recommends that this question be referred to the standing Committee on Constitutional Matters. *Action of Synod:* This report was *adopted.*" (*Proceedings,* p. 213.) Your Committee on Constitutional Matters is of the opinion that the existing discrepancy should be removed by resolution of Synod. At present the regulations are these: "Every District shall, in the meeting held prior to the meeting of the Synod, take a ballot for the purpose of *nominating* two slates of candidates for the institution or institutions, including the Publishing House, which may be within its own territory. The Secretary of the District shall send the list of nominations to the Secretary of the Synod. The Secretary of the Synod shall tabulate the names received from all Districts and as soon as possible send them to the appointed Committee on Elections, which shall then present the list of candidates to the Synod for the purpose of having it ratified or amended before it is printed on the official ballot. Whenever a District has failed to nominate its candidates, or if the nominated candidates cannot serve, the members of that District present at the meeting of the Synod shall nominate the candidates." (*Synodical Handbook,* p. 61.) This rule refers seemingly to all institutions of Synod and all its officers (Boards of Control and Boards of Electors). However, this is not the case. On p. 73 the following regulations are printed with regard to the election of the Boards of Electors:

"1. The Boards of Electors for the so-called electoral colleges of the Synod shall consist of the President of the Synod or one of the Vice-Presidents, the local Board of Control, which shall have one collective vote, and five additional members, three of whom, if possible, shall be chosen from the District in which the college is located and two from adjacent Districts.

"2. The Board of Electors for the seminaries, including the normal schools, shall consist of the President of the Synod or one of the Vice-Presidents, the local board, which shall have one collective vote, and five additional members, whom the Synod itself shall directly elect from its membership. On the Boards of Electors for the normal schools two of the five members above mentioned shall be teachers.

"3. No member of the Synod, except the President, shall be a member of two Boards of Electors.

"4. The members of the Boards of Electors shall be elected in the following manner: The District in whose territory a so-called college is located shall, in the year prior to the meeting of the Synod, by ballot elect the members required, which election shall in the following year be submitted to the Synod for its approval, rejection, or amendment. For this purpose the names shall be published in the *Overtures and Memorials* printed before the meeting of the Synod. If no written protest or substitute nomination is presented to the judge of elections during the first two days of the synodical sessions, the election of the entire list submitted shall be approved by one single resolution of the Synod." (*Synodical Handbook,* p. 73.)

From this it appears that Synod has a different procedure with regard to the electoral boards. For the *seminaries* and *normal schools* the electors are to be chosen by the convention, of course after nominations have been submitted by the Committee on Nominations and accepted by the convention. The reasons are obvious: the whole Synod is, and should be, vitally interested in these institutions. But for the so-called *colleges* the District in whose territory a college is located shall, in the year prior to the meeting of the Synod, not merely nominate, but *elect* by ballot the members of the Electoral Board for such college and submit such election for approval, rejection, or amendment to the Synod. While there may be some reasons for this difference in procedure, it has not worked out very well, and we submit that a change is desirable. We hold that it is of even more importance that the Synod elect the Boards of Electors than that it elect the Boards of Control, since members of various Districts are to serve on the Boards of Electors, and therefore it hardly seems fair that only one District should elect them. The way of nominating and electing the boards for the seminaries and normal schools is to remain as it is, but with regard to the colleges the prospective members of the Boards of Control *and Boards of Electors* should be nominated in two slates by the respective Districts and elected by the Synod. The names of these nominees should be printed in the book of *Reports and Memorials* before Synod meets, for the information of the delegates. If Synod sees its way to adopt this recommendation, the paragraph on p. 61 should read as follows: "Every District shall, in the meeting held prior to the meeting of the Synod, take a ballot for the purpose of nominating two slates of candidates for the in-

stitution or institutions, including the Publishing House, which may be within its own territory (Boards of Control, Boards of Electors except for the seminaries and normal schools, Board of Directors of the Publishing House). The Secretary of the District shall send the list of nominations to the Secretary of the Synod. The Secretary of the Synod shall tabulate the names received from all Districts, print them in the book of *Reports and Memorials,* and send them to the appointed Committee on Elections, which shall then present the list of candidates to the Synod for the purpose of having it ratified or amended before it is printed on the official ballot. Whenever a District has failed to nominate its candidates, or if the nominated candidates cannot serve, the members of that District present at the meeting of the Synod shall nominate the candidate."

Paragraph 1 of the section on p. 73 should remain as it is; paragraph 3 should be numbered as paragraph 2 and remain as it is; paragraph 2 should become paragraph 3 and remain as it is, but the following words should be added: "Nominations for the electoral boards for the seminaries and normal schools shall be made by Synod through its Nomination Committee"; paragraph 4 should read as follows: "The members of the Boards of Electors for the colleges shall be elected in the following manner: The District in whose territory a so-called college is located shall, in the year prior to the meeting of Synod, nominate a double slate of candidates for the Board of Electors for such college, which nomination shall in the following year be submitted to the Synod for its approval, rejection, or amendment. For this purpose the names of such candidates as well as the candidates for the Boards of Control shall be published in the book of *Reports and Memorials* printed before the meeting of the Synod. If no written protest or substitute nomination is presented to the judge of elections during the synodical sessions and before the election, the entire list submitted shall be approved by one single resolution of the Synod."

There would still be another way of procedure with regard to nominations, which is followed successfully by smaller church-bodies. The Election Committee appointed by Synod's President sends a nomination ballot to each delegate a certain time before the convention. The delegate fills in name and residence of his candidates and returns the ballot to the Election Committee by a stipulated date. The committee counts the names and places the four highest on the election ballot. Ballots are to be ready at the opening of the convention, and balloting is to begin on a certain day of the convention. We doubt, however, that such a procedure would be satisfactory in a large body and with so many boards and committees to be nominated and elected.

In a new edition of the *Handbook* the editor or editors should be given more liberty to eliminate antiquated rules that have never been rescinded by Synod and sometimes even are in conflict with each other. A thorough revision of the *Handbook* seems to be in place even though the last edition was published not long ago.

Dr. John H. C. Fritz, a member of the Committee on Constitutional Matters, was unable to consider these overtures with us on account of his absence from our country.

L. FUERBRINGER JNO. W. BOEHNE, SR.

As to *Procedure in case of Appeals, Committee 9* submitted the following *resolutions:*

Resolved:

1. That in all cases of excommunication and in all cases of dispute between a congregation and any of its members the decision of the synodical District ordinarily be final and that the Delegate Synod refuse to entertain an appeal in such cases.

2. That the Delegate Synod restrict itself to two classes of appeals: (1) cases in which an appeal is made from the decision of synodical officials or boards; (2) cases in which an appeal is made from a decision of a District which had original, and not appellate, jurisdiction in this case.

3. That the Delegate Synod consider its decision final and not subject to review and that thereupon all petitions for a rehearing be denied. Should an appeal, however, be based upon events or actions that have occurred after the decision of the Delegate Synod, such appeal shall be considered a new appeal and not a petition for a rehearing. Such an appeal shall be entertained if otherwise within these regulations; but the hearing and the decision thereon shall be restricted to the new matter contained in the appeal.

4. A Board of Appeals shall be appointed by the President of Synod in conjunction with the Vice-Presidents, said Board to consist of one Vice-President and four District Presidents. This Board shall receive all appeals at least three months before any convention of the Delegate Synod and shall determine which of the appeals shall, pursuant to the above regulations, be entertained by the Delegate Synod.

If a case has originated in the District of one of the District Presidents on this Board, said President shall not serve on the case, but a substitute shall be appointed by the President.

The decisions of this Board shall be final.

5. Whenever this Board is not unanimous, it shall order the appeal to be entertained. The decision of such Board shall be

made and notice given to the appellants and the appellees at least six weeks before the convention of the Delegate Synod.

6. Every appellant must, at the time of making an appeal, provide the appellee with a copy of his appeal.

7. While an appeal is pending, neither the appellant nor the appellee shall circularize the members of Synod.

8. All former synodical regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Action of Synod: This report was referred to the new committee on the revision of the *Synodical Handbook.*

As to the question of *simplifying our election system, Committee 9* had the following *report* to make:

We have examined our election system together with the recommendation of the Board of Directors found on page 159 in the *Reports and Memorials* and recommend the following:

That on page 73 of the *Synodical Handbook,* Paragraph 1 remain as it is; Paragraph 3 be numbered Paragraph 2 and remain as it is; Paragraph 2 become Paragraph 3 and remain as it is, with the following addition: "Nominations for the electoral boards for the seminaries and normal schools shall be made by Synod through its Nominating Committee." Paragraph 4 shall read as follows: "The members of the boards of electors for the colleges and high schools shall be elected in the following manner: The District in whose territory a so-called college or high school is located shall in the year prior to the meeting of Synod nominate two candidates for each place on the Board of Electors for such institution. These nominations shall in the following year be submitted to the Synod for approval, rejection, or amendment. For this purpose the names of such candidates as well as the candidates for the Boards of Control shall be published in the *Reports and Memorials* printed before the meeting of the Synod. If no written protest or substitute nomination is presented to the Judge of Election during the synodical sessions and before the election, the entire list submitted shall be approved by one single resolution of the Synod.

When the ballot is printed, the candidates residing in the District in which the respective institution is situated shall be separated from the candidates residing in adjoining Districts, so that the Board may have the composition desired by Synod, to wit, that, if possible, "three members of the Board reside in the same District and two in adjoining Districts."

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

With reference to the proposals on *simplifying our election system,* submitted by the last Synod to the Committee on Constitutional Matters (Memorial 501, p. 156) and similar proposals in Memorial 512, *Committee 9* recommended that, "in so far as choosing of officials and boards mentioned is concerned, the mode of choosing these officials remain as it is."

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Changes Proposed for Offices of Chronicler, Statistician, Corresponding Secretary, and Railroad Secretary

(Memorial 512; cf. also p. 222 of Report of Board of Directors)

In His wisdom the Lord recently saw fit to remove from this vale of tears the soul of our late friend and brother the Rev. E. Eckhardt, Synodical Chronologist and Statistician. Soon thereafter it became apparent that Synod had not definitely provided for succession in such an emergency. Further, attention was directed to the by-laws of Synod, which provide that these and other offices should be filled by regular elections of Synod. There is no doubt prevailing reason why certain officers and board members should be elected by Synod. However, certain other officers who require particular training or peculiar characteristics and for whom succession between synodical conventions should also be provided, had best not be elected by Synod but appointed by Synod's Board of Directors. We therefore respectfully suggest that the Ven. Synod

Resolve to amend the by-laws of the Constitution, Section V, Officers, Par. B, by striking out line "14. Chronicler," line "15. Statistician," line "16. Correspondent for the Lutheran Church in Foreign Countries," and line "17. Railroad Secretary," so that Par. B. will end with line "13. Committee on Constitutional Matters." (1937 *Handbook,* p. 21.)

In order to provide for the orderly appointment of these officers of Synod and otherwise to improve some of the regulations, we further recommend that the Ven. Synod resolve to amend the "Regulations for Officers, Boards, and Committees of Synod, Section C, Par. I. — The Chronicler," so that this paragraph, when amended, shall read:

"The Board of Directors of Synod shall appoint a Chronicler of the Synod, who shall keep a brief but correct chronological record of the most important events, movements, and controversies within the American Lutheran Church of the present time as well as of the influences which she experiences from without in order that a continued historical record of the American Lutheran Church may thus be kept. He shall especially keep an annual record of the most important events in the history of the Synod."

We further recommend that the Ven. Synod repeal Par. "J. Statistics" of its "Regulations for Officers, Boards, and Committees of Synod" and resolve to substitute the following:

J. Bureau of Statistics

1. A Bureau of Statistics shall be established.

2. The Bureau of Statistics shall be managed by a statistician.

3. The Board of Directors of Synod shall appoint the Statistician and shall fix his salary.

4. The necessary expenses of the Statistical Bureau, including the salary of the Statistician, shall be paid by Synod.

5. The Bureau of Statistics shall be under the supervision of Synod's Board of Directors.

6. The Bureau of Statistics shall gather the statistics of the Synod. These shall be as complete and accurate as possible, and to this end all pastors, officers, and boards within Synod shall furnish the essential data requested by the Bureau of Statistics.

7. The statistics of general interest shall be published in an annual *Statistical Year-book.* (See Regulations for Conc. Publ. House, Sec. III, Par. 8.)

8. Any one desiring to compile statistics within the Synod shall first of all seek to get this information from this Bureau. (1937 *Handbook,* pp. 55, 56.)

K. The Transportation Department

We further recommend that the Ven. Synod resolve to amend Par. "K. The Transportation Department" of its "Regulations for Officers, Boards, and Committees of Synod," so that, when amended, it shall read:

1. The Board of Directors of Synod shall appoint a Railroad Secretary, who shall be in charge of its Transportation Department.

2. The Railroad Secretary shall appoint as many assistants as he needs, give them the necessary instructions, and publish their names.

3. The Railroad Secretary of Synod shall represent the interests of the Synod at the various railroad offices throughout the country. Aside from the following regulations no special instructions are given him; but he shall always be guided by the interests of the Synod as a whole and that of its special work.

4. Prior to the meeting of the Synod the Railroad Secretary shall at an early date get in touch with all passenger associations throughout the country and seek to procure reduced rates for all synodical delegates.

5. The Railroad Secretary and his assistants shall not turn over any business to certain railroads until the request for reduced rates has either been granted or definitely refused by all passenger associations.

6. During the three years intervening between synodical meetings the Railroad Secretary and his accredited assistants shall, within the territory of the various passenger associations, seek to procure for official representatives of the Synod, its missions, etc., such privileges as are occasionally granted by some railroad companies." (1937 *Handbook,* p. 56.)

L. Corresponding Secretary for Foreign Connections

Finally we recommend that the Ven. Synod resolve to amend Par. "L. The Corresponding Secretary for Foreign Connections" of its "Regulations for Officers, Boards, and Committees of Synod," so that, when amended, it shall read:

The Board of Directors of Synod shall appoint a Corresponding Secretary for Foreign Connections, who shall, in the name of the Synod, keep up a correspondence with the Lutheran Church in foreign countries. The purpose of such correspondence shall be to establish and maintain an intimate relationship between our Church in this country and the Lutheran Church in foreign countries. (1937 *Handbook,* pp. 56, 57.)

Respectfully submitted by Concordia Lutheran Church of Maplewood, Mo.

EDWIN W. HOBELMAN, *Secretary*
EMIL E. L. MARS, *Pastor*

Report of Committee 9:

Your Committee No. 9 on Constitutional Matters recommends that the matter contained in J, K, and L of Overture 512 be referred to the committee to be appointed for the revision of the *Synodical Handbook.*

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

New Edition of "Synodical Handbook"

(Memorial 612)

Whereas the present English edition of the *Synodical Handbook* was prepared as a temporary English edition until Synod should decide to "publish a thoroughly revised new edition of the *Handbook,* in which antiquated regulations are eliminated and the present amended and clearly worded rulings are properly arranged and coordinated" (see Preface, pages IV and V),

We, the members of the One-day Conference of St. Louis and Vicinity, respectfully request the Delegate Synod to appoint a committee of competent men which shall prepare, after due study and consideration, a new and complete and authoritative edition of the *Synodical Handbook,* containing all the synodical regulations, properly arranged, coordinated, indexed, and in idiomatic English form, in which all antiquated rulings are eliminated, all ambiguous

and contradictory regulations are adjusted, the duties and responsibilities of all officials and boards and faculties are carefully outlined, and all overlapping and conflicting of authority are removed.

Fraternally,

PAUL KOENIG, *Chairman*
O. J. KLINKERMANN, *Secretary*

Report of Committee 9 (as amended):

WHEREAS, The present English edition of the *Synodical Handbook* was prepared as a temporary English edition until Synod should decide to "publish a thoroughly revised new edition of the *Handbook*, in which antiquated regulations are eliminated and the present amended and clearly worded rulings are properly arranged and coordinated" (see Preface, pages IV and V); therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of eleven competent men shall be appointed which shall prepare, after due study and consideration, a new, complete, and authoritative edition of the *Synodical Handbook*, containing all the synodical regulations, properly arranged, coordinated, indexed, and in idiomatic English form, in which all antiquated rulings are eliminated, all ambiguous and contradictory regulations are adjusted, the duties and responsibilities of all officials and boards and faculties are carefully outlined, and all overlapping and conflicting of authority are removed. This committee is to report to the next Delegate Synod but complete its work one year before that time and send a complete report to every pastor and teacher for consideration.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted*, with the additional provision that the President of Synod insert a request in our church organs for suitable suggestions for this committee.

Parts of the "Handbook" in German for the South American Districts

(Memorial 613)

Der Brasilianische Distrikt der Ev.-Luth. Synode von Missouri, Ohio und andern Staaten hat auf seiner letzten Synodaltagung in Porto Alegre am 26. Januar 1937 beschlossen, der Ehrw. Delegatensynode folgende Eingabe zu unterbreiten:

Weil die Ehrw. Synode auf ihrer letzten Tagung in Cleveland im Jahre 1935 beschlossen hat, das „Synodalhandbuch" nur noch in der englischen Sprache herauszugeben (Ver. 1935, S. 210); weil die Pastoren, Lehrer und vor allem die Gemeindeglieder unserer südamerikanischen Distrikte bis auf einzelne Pastoren die englische Sprache nicht verstehen; weil aber auch die Glieder unsers Brasilianischen

Distrikts verpflichtet sind, das „Synodalhandbuch" anzuerkennen und zu unterschreiben: so bittet der Brasilianische Distrikt die Ehrw. Delegatensynode zu erlauben, daß „diejenigen Teile des ‚Synodalhandbuches', die für unsere südamerikanischen Distrikte in Betracht kommen, in die deutsche Sprache übersetzt und von uns gedruckt werden".

Porto Alegre, 12. Januar 1938

Mit glaubensbrüderlichen Grüßen

Der Brasilianische Distrikt
der Ev.-Luth. Synode von Missouri, Ohio und andern Staaten
Hans Fiedler, Schriftführer des Distrikts

Report of Committee 9:

Your Committee recommends that the request herein contained be granted but that the petitioners be advised to defer their action until the *Handbook* will have been revised.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted*.

Disposal of Synodical Property

(Memorial 714)

Concerning this matter *Committee 9* submitted the following *resolution:*

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States at times acquires property by deed, gift, devise, or foreclosure sale, which said property it would often be expedient, advantageous, and necessary to dispose of; and

WHEREAS, The Constitution and By-laws do not permit the Board of Directors to dispose of, or sell, real and personal property without first having authority from the Synod so to do; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States be authorized and empowered, and it is hereby authorized and empowered, to sell, barter, exchange, or trade any real or personal property not adjacent to, or a part of, any of Synod's college or seminary properties of which said Synod may find itself possessed and which real estate or personal property in the opinion of said Board of Directors would be of no direct use or benefit to said Synod in the pursuit of its constitutional objectives, at such price or consideration and upon such terms and conditions as in the opinion of said Board of Directors would best serve the interests of said Synod.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted*.

A New District in the Southeastern States

(Memorial 503)

At Cleveland, in 1935, after having received the consent of the English District in 1933, the Southeastern Conference petitioned the Ven. Synod for permission to form a new District of Synod in the Southeast, offering the following reasons in support of its petition:

1. The remoteness of our Missouri Lutheran congregations in North and South Carolina in most cases prevents congregational representation at the District meetings of our English District on account of heavy financial expenses.

2. The development of the missionary opportunities in our section of the country calls for a more concerted cooperation also on the part of our local congregations.

3. The purposes of the congregations of the Southeastern Field as well as the general purpose could be more effectively and satisfactorily served by a local District of Synod.

The Delegate Synod referred the petition back to the Southeastern Conference with the instruction to confer with the brethren of the neighboring Districts in order to bring about, if at all possible, the formation of a new District. In view of the fact that conditions in the Southeast were such as to demand immediate attention, the General Home Mission Board was instructed to act immediately. This Board accordingly sent representatives to look into the field and has since supported the missionary expansion work at various points.

Working in conjunction with the Executive Secretary of Missions, the Rev. F. C. Streufert, and a commission appointed by the Home Mission Board, the Southeastern Conference has conferred with all pastors and congregations in the following area relative to the formation of a new District of Synod in the Southeast: North and South Carolina, including Augusta, Ga.; north along the Shenandoah Valley to Harrisburg, Pa.; east to Trenton, N. J.; south along the Delaware River, including Camden, N. J.

In this area there are 68 pastors and 80 congregations and missions. There are 11,975 communicants (1936 statistics). This does not include the advisory pastors. To date (April 1, 1938) we have received official action in favor of the formation of a new District from 46 pastors and 57 congregations. Tentative approval has been received from 5 pastors and 5 congregations. Of the remaining 17 pastors and 17 congregations, from whom we have received no official expression, 9 are members of the Baltimore City Conference, which voted unanimously in favor of the new District. No opposition to the new District has been voiced by any pastor or congregation within the area involved.

The congregations of the area involved join the Southeastern Conference in submitting the following petition to Synod:

WHEREAS, The reasons for the formation of a new District in the Southeast still obtain; and

WHEREAS, The results already evident from the special work in the Southeast carried on with the support granted by the General Home Mission Board during the last triennium prove that this section offers us real missionary opportunities; therefore

We petition the Ven. Synod assembled in St. Louis, June 15 to 25, 1938, to authorize the creating and establishing of a new District at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

THE COMMITTEE:

REV. G. E. MENNEN	REV. J. L. SUMMERS
REV. F. A. FREED	MR. D. F. CLINE
PROF. L. BUCHHEIMER	MR. P. M. DELLINGER
REV. L. F. FRERKING	

Congregations and Pastors Joining in the Appeal for a New District of Synod in the Southeast

Congregations	Pastors
Bethlehem, Baltimore, Md.	J. Geo. Spilman
St. John's, Farmville, Va.	
St. Paul's, Meherrin, Va.	
Cumberland Mission, Cumberland, Va.	
Amelia Mission, Amelia, Va.	R. E. Hasse
Our Redeemer, Augusta, Ga.	A. R. Meyer
St. John's, York, Pa.	Edw. Kraus
Nazareth, Philadelphia, Pa.	Paul J. Engelbert
Trinity, Norfolk, Va.	
Nazareth, Hopewell, Va.	Paul A. Plawin
Durham Mission, Durham, N. C.	R. L. Landeck
St. Paul's, Ridgeway, N. C.	Joh. F. Moebius
Bethlehem, Richmond, Va.	O. A. Sauer
St. Luke's, Croydon, Pa.	Theo. Kohlmeier
Bethany, Baltimore, Md.	Herman C. Scherer
St. John's, Conover, N. C.	
Immanuel, Conover, N. C.	F. W. Rockett
Wilson Mission, Wilson, N. C.	H. F. Meyer
St. Stephen's, Hickory, N. C.	J. L. Summers
Calvary, Baltimore, Md.	E. L. Schoenheider
Immanuel, Alexandria, Va.	E. F. Leonhardt
Trinity, Bowie, Md.	Edward G. Collins
Pilgrim, Baltimore, Md.	W. D. Spencer
St. Matthew's, Philadelphia, Pa.	M. A. Berner
Good Shepherd, York, Pa.	Carl J. Goette
Coyners, Waynesboro, Va.	Karl H. Maier
Bethel, Claremont, N. C.	
St. Peter's, Conover, N. C.	W. P. Hunsucker
Mount Olive, Newton, N. C.	O. W. H. Lindemeyer
Mount Olive, Irmo, S. C.	F. L. Lineberger
Ebenezer, Greensboro, N. C.	R. E. Scaer
Mount Calvary, Charlotte, N. C.	L. F. Frerking
Redeemer, Baltimore, Md.	O. W. Kreinheder

Congregations	Pastors
St. Paul's, Taylorsville, N. C.	
Salem, Taylorsville, N. C.	R. E. Mennen
Christ, Hickory, N. C.	
Augustana, Hickory, N. C.	F. A. Freed
Emmanuel, Baltimore, Md.	R. S. Ressmeyer
Pilgrim, Cheltenham, Pa.	Theo. Fischer
St. Paul's, Baltimore, Md.	O. F. P. Weinbach
Holy Trinity, New Brookland, S. C.	E. A. Reinke
Nazareth, Baltimore, Md.	W. C. Klahold
First Lutheran, Asheville, N. C.	C. W. Long
Redeemer, Catawba, N. C.	
Holy Trinity, Statesville, N. C.	R. L. Lail
St. John's, Winston-Salem, N. C.	R. P. Meibohm
Martini, Philadelphia, Pa.	A. W. Lange
Concordia, Conover, N. C.	G. E. Mennen
1. Immanuel Congregation, Charlottesville, Va.	G. E. Hageman
2. St. John's, Philadelphia, Pa.	E. H. Behrens
3. Immanuel, Cordova, Md.	
4. Trinity, Chestertown, Md.	Theo. H. Ernst
5. St. Matthew's, Marion, N. C.	
6. Trinity, Rutherfordton, N. C.	Paul A. Boriack
7. St. Paul's, Columbia, Pa.	Geo. Luecke
8. Trinity, Washington, D. C.	H. M. Hennig

1. Immanuel, Charlottesville, Va. "Resolved that Immanuel Lutheran Church of Charlottesville, Virginia, join in the formation of a new District as proposed by our North Carolina churches, provided that we can be assured of an adequate subsidy to meet our peculiar needs."

2. St. John's, Philadelphia, Pa. "Owing to the short period of time in which we could consider the matter that we tentatively approved, the formation of a Southeastern District of Synod subject to final confirmation after further consideration of details."

3. 4. Immanuel, Cordova, Md., and Trinity, Chestertown, Md. "We shall be in hearty agreement with any decision reached by the 'mother' congregations of the proposed section." No action taken otherwise.

5. 6. St. Matthew's, Marion, N. C., and Trinity, Rutherfordton, N. C. In favor of the new District if established by Synod.

7. St. Paul's, Columbia, Pa. "Resolved that we approve of its formation on condition that the congregations in Southeastern Pennsylvania—Columbia, York, Harrisburg, Lancaster, Philadelphia—are included in it."

8. Trinity, Washington, D. C. "Trinity Congregation of Washington, D. C., went on record last night (February 14) as in favor of the proposed new District, with the condition that the congregations of the English District in the new area join the movement."

Congregations	Pastors
Bethlehem-Immanuel, Preston, Md. (merged)	L. Geiger
Heard from but no action by congregation, and no opinion expressed by pastor.	
Grace, Harrisburg, Pa.	R. W. Harnack
Heard from, but no action by the congregation.	
Martini, Baltimore, Md.	E. F. Engelbert
Voted neither for nor against the formation of the new District but feels it must wait until the Eastern District takes action in the matter.	
Bethany, Trenton, N. J.	O. T. McRee
Favors a new District for the Southeast but the pastor feels that his congregation would neither benefit nor be benefited by joining from New Jersey.	
Calvary, Harrisburg, Pa.	E. H. Paar
Expresses no opposition, but simply states that Calvary prefers to remain in the English District.	

Committee 9 submitted the following *resolutions:*

WHEREAS, We believe that the best interests of the work in the area affected would be served by the formation of the proposed new District; and

WHEREAS, The large majority of the congregations in the area affected signed a petition for the formation of this new District; and

WHEREAS, Your Committee is of the opinion that there is a sufficient number of congregations in the area to form a vigorous District; and

WHEREAS, The formation of this new District will make possible effective dealing with all opportunities and contingencies offered in this area; therefore be it

1. *Resolved,* That Synod grant the request of the brethren to form a new District and hereby authorizes the organizing of this proposed new District to comprise the following area: North and South Carolina, including Augusta, Georgia; north along the Shenandoah Valley to Harrisburg, Pa., including Cumberland, Md.; east to, and including, Trenton, New Jersey; south along the Delaware River, including Camden, New Jersey; and be it furthermore

2. *Resolved,* That Synod request the Eastern and the English Districts to urge all their congregations in the affected area to join this new District, so that the cause of the Church in this area may be most effectively promoted; and be it further

3. *Resolved,* That all the congregations forming this new District come before the next conventions of their respective Districts with the request for release; and be it

4. *Resolved,* That Synod direct its Board of Home Missions to continue, together with the representatives of the English and Eastern Districts, to administer the mission affairs in this area until the organization of the new District has been effected; and be it finally

5. *Resolved,* That the Board of Home Missions give favorable consideration to possible requests of the newly authorized District and the Eastern District for subsidy.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Amalgamation of the English District

(Memorial 502)

Synod, at the convention in Cleveland in 1935, passed a resolution (*Proceedings 1935,* p. 201) authorizing the President to appoint a Committee on Amalgamation. This resolution was carried out, and a committee was duly appointed, which then met in

order to familiarize itself with the situation and to attempt to work out a plan of procedure. Since part of Synod's resolution of 1935 embodied the thought that this committee should confer with duly appointed representatives of the English District, a communication to that effect was presented to the English District, whereupon this District, at its convention in River Forest in 1936, appointed a committee consisting of Pastors H. P. Eckhardt, Martin Walker, and Richard Jesse and Messrs. Arth. E. Bergmann, A. C. Schwan, and Wm. Wehrs.

A joint meeting was held with this committee on June 1, 1937, at Chicago, during which the most cordial feelings prevailed. After a thorough discussion of the entire situation the synodical committee submitted a series of suggestions to the committee of the English District, which were then made the basis of further deliberation and discussion.

The committee of the English District then submitted its report to the convention of the English District at River Forest, in 1937, and while the members gave expression to their feeling that the time had not yet arrived for such an amalgamation, their report embodied and recommended a number of the points and suggestions under consideration at the above-mentioned joint committee meetings, to wit:

1. That the question of amalgamation be discussed in the pastoral conferences of the English District

a. On the basis of historical development;

b. With a view to the welfare of the whole Synod and the kingdom of our Savior;

c. From the economic angle (expenses of conferences, conventions, missions, etc.);

d. With respect to local conditions, hindrances to amalgamation, and their removal.

2. That wherever possible one of the pastoral members of the English District committee on amalgamation be invited to participate in such discussion.

3. That informal regional conferences be arranged in the principal centers, to be attended unofficially by the Visitors and a few other members of both the local and the English District for the fraternal discussion of this question, with particular reference to local problems.

4. That the brethren of the English District be encouraged to attend the conferences and circuit meetings of their respective territorial Districts for mutual profit and for the maintenance and further development of true Christian fellowship and harmonious cooperation.

This report was adopted by the English District.

Your Committee believes that the report of the committee of the English District adopted by its convention in 1937 embraces points and recommendations which might well be considered a fair and also a practical program of procedure and that this program, carefully and faithfully followed, should eventually and as a natural outgrowth of developments lead to the realization of the goal in mind under the grace of God and with due charity to all parties concerned.

Believing that Synod will share its gratification at the evidences of good faith and of progress which are at hand, your Committee recommends that Synod continue to have a committee which is to serve in this matter of amalgamation of the congregations of the present English District with their respective geographical Districts.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. LANKENAU, *Chairman* — WALTER H. LOEBER
O. H. SCHMIDT, *Secretary* — W. C. DICKMEYER
J. H. DECKMAN

Report of Committee 9:

Your Committee first quotes from the *Proceedings* of the Cleveland Convention, p. 201. Committee 15 reported:

"WHEREAS, the reason for the formation and existence of a separate English District, namely, the language, no longer exists because practically all other Districts of Synod are carrying on their work exclusively in the English language and there now exist more than 1,400 congregations outside of the English District that work exclusively in English; and

"WHEREAS, an amalgamation will make for closer fraternal relations and contacts among our pastors and congregations and result in a more closely knit synodical body and firmer structure of the whole organization, tending toward consummation in higher degree of some of the aims for which Synod was organized and for which it conducts its work today, and also will make for the saving of much time and money; and

"WHEREAS, the matter of amalgamation has been before Synod and has been thoroughly discussed repeatedly ever since 1923;

"Therefore your Committee is of the opinion that the time for the amalgamation of the congregations of the English District with other Districts has fully arrived and that such amalgamation will be most expedient and salutary for both the English District and for other Districts of Synod.

"Your Committee therefore recommends that the President of Synod appoint a committee to confer with duly appointed representatives of the English District and work out with them an

equitable and profitable solution of the whole question to the end that the amalgamation, if possible, be accomplished by the next convention, in 1938.

"**Action of Synod:** This recommendation was *adopted.*"

The committee provided for in the last section of said resolution was thereupon duly appointed and has now submitted the report above referred to.

Your Committee calls attention to the fact that Synod even three years ago officially expressed the opinion that the time for amalgamation had fully arrived and the committee then appointed was given the task of working together with a committee of the English District with the express purpose that the amalgamation be accomplished, if possible, by this present 1938 convention. Your Committee considers itself bound by the 1935 resolutions as long as they stand, and it sees no reason for Synod's changing its expressed opinion since your Committee believes that there is a very general desire in our Synod that the day of amalgamation be hastened.

Your Committee therefore *recommends:*

1. That Synod endorse the program suggested by the Synodical Committee and adopted by the English District (see *Reports and Memorials,* p. 161);

2. That the President of Synod in conjunction with the Vice-presidents again appoint a committee to cooperate with a committee of the English District for the purpose of bringing about an amalgamation at the earliest possible date;

3. That in the mean time the English District as well as the territorial Districts be urged to work together for the common good, especially in the matter of establishing new congregations and missions.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Change of Synod's Name

(Memorial 506)

WHEREAS, It is widely felt that our present name, Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, is no longer adequate and practical; and

WHEREAS, Various names have been suggested; be it

Resolved, That we go on record as favoring the name *The Lutheran Church of America* and present this as an overture to the Hon. Delegate Synod assembled at St. Louis in 1938.

Resolution adopted by Leavenworth Regional Pastoral Conference, assembled in Kansas City, Kans., January 10 and 11, 1938.

ARNOLD F. MEYER, *Secretary*

WHEREAS, The official name of our Synod, "The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States," fails to express the aim and the scope of our work and is misleading to those unacquainted with our Synod and is a handicap in propagating our work in certain sections more remote from Missouri; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, Christ Lutheran Congregation, Oil City, Pa., in regular meeting assembled, unanimously petition our Synod:

1. To change the name of our Synod to a more appropriate designation;

2. To consider as a new name of Synod "The International Lutheran Church," as expressing the scope and aim of our work.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CONGREGATION

HERMAN BIELENBERG, *Pastor* PAUL G. LENSER, *Secretary*

The opposite view was presented in the following overture:

Opposing the Changing of Synod's Name

(Memorial 507)

We, the undersigned, beg leave to bring the following memorial in the matter of changing Synod's name to the attention of this honorable body.

We do not favor changing Synod's name at this time and feel compelled to offer this overture for the following reasons:

1. Because "Missouri Synod" is a *Bekenntnisname,* which in all religious circles, Protestant and Catholic alike, is known to stand for our Synod's firm, uncompromising, Biblical doctrine and practise, Shibboleth identifying us;

2. Because no better name has been suggested. "Concordia Synod" is just as sectarian, limited;

3. Because the historical and doctrinal content of the term "Missouri Synod" far outweighs its geographical significance;

4. Because a change of name might make it appear as though we were no longer willing to bear the reproach connected with our stand and name;

5. Because the time for such a change has not come. Should there be a union of Missouri with other synods of its own confessional standing, a change might be advisable;

6. Because grave practical difficulties, including unnecessary expenses, would be attendant upon such a change.

Respectfully submitted by the Central Regional Pastoral Conference of North Illinois, convened at Aurora, Ill., February 15 and 16, 1938.

O. H. LINNEMEIER, *Chairman* WALTER A. SPRUTH, *Secretary*

ALEX ULLRICH, *Committee Member*

Unprinted Memorials 33, 36, and 39 also had a bearing on this matter.

Committee 9 submitted the following recommendation:

Your Committee is of the opinion that a new name for our Synod is desirable, but it does not approve any of the names hitherto suggested. It recommends therefore that Synod direct the editors of the *Lutheraner* and the *Lutheran Witness* to invite suggestions for a new name, that these suggested new names be published, and that the 1941 synodical convention make a decision in the matter.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Redistricting of Synod

Concerning this plan, advocated in Memorial 505, *Committee 9 recommended* that no action be taken.

Synod adopted this recommendation.

Selection of Board of Control of St. Louis Seminary from Synod at Large

Memorial 116 suggested that the Board of Control of the St. Louis Seminary be chosen from Synod at large like the Board of Directors of Synod.

Recommendation of Committee 9:

Your Committee recommends that the selection of members of the Board of Control for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, be made as heretofore.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Tenure of Office of Members of Boards

(Memorial 510)

In order that an active incumbency of office may not become a burden to any one individual or an inactive incumbency a burden to a board or to Synod, and in order that the gifts which the Lord has given us may be utilized more fully and service may be rendered well and intensively rather than for a long time, we recommend that tenure of office in the elected boards for Synod shall be limited to three consecutive terms of three years each for any member of any one board; but previous tenure of office shall not disqualify a person after an interruption of three years. In order that this provision may not cause undue interference with the continuity in the work of a board, we also recommend that this provision shall not apply to the incumbent of a designated executive office within the board (chairman or executive secretary) and to those members of boards who under present regulations hold their membership by virtue of being synodical or District officials. We also recommend that these provisions shall become effective with the elections of 1941 and that withdrawal from further candidacy of present members of boards shall be based on length of service.

Respectfully submitted,

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, WINFIELD, KANS.
per W. A. BENNER, *Secretary*

P. S. The resolution to present this overture to Synod was adopted in a regular meeting of the congregation on April 3, 1938.

Report of Committee 9:

Your Committee recognizes much merit in this overture but sees many practical difficulties.

We therefore recommend that Synod urge all nomination committees and Districts to bring about rotation of officers wherever feasible in order that the gifts which the Lord has given us may be utilized more fully and service may be rendered well and intensively rather than for a long time.

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

Editors of Church Periodicals not to be Eligible for Other Offices

(Unprinted Memorial 24)

Upon recommendation of *Committee 9, Synod* took *no action* in this matter.

Resolution Conveying Peoria Property to Addison Home

Committee 9 submitted the following *resolution:*

WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States was at one time the owner of Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Five (5) in Darst Subdivision of Lot Four (4), Berrian's Subdivision of the Northeast Quarter of Section Eighteen (18), Township Eight (8) North, Range Eight (8) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, situated in the City of Peoria, County of Peoria, and State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Directors of the corporation, said premises were conveyed by warranty deed executed by the president and secretary of this corporation on February 15, 1935, to the Evangelical Lutheran Orphan Home at Addison, Ill., a corporation organized and existing under, and by virtue of, the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, J. C. Schuelke, on the 7th day of December, 1935, together with his wife, Lydia Schuelke, conveyed said premises by warranty deed to George H. Kohtz and Mildred Kohtz, husband and wife, who are now the owners of, and residing on, said premises; and

WHEREAS, The validity of said deed from this corporation to the Evangelical Lutheran Orphan Home at Addison, Ill., has been questioned because said conveyance was not authorized by the members of this corporation; now therefore be it

Resolved, That this corporation convey all its right, title, and interest in said premises to George H. Kohtz and Mildred Kohtz, husband and wife, as joint tenants and not as tenants in common; and be it further

Resolved, That the president and secretary of this corporation be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to execute such conveyance in the name of this corporation, to acknowledge the same as required by law, and deliver said deed to said George H. Kohtz and Mildred Kohtz.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Alterations of, and Amendments to, "Handbook" Referring to Board of Directors and Boards of Control

The Board of Directors through a subcommittee had submitted a compilation of the stipulations of the *Synodical Handbook* as contained in the 1937 edition, referring to the duties of the Board of Directors, chiefly in its relation to the local boards of control. Many of these rulings no longer apply. A number of changes were therefore suggested by the Board of Directors.

Committee 9 had studied these matters and was prepared to bring in its report and recommendations. These were not heard by Synod because the time was short and the recommendations many and complicated.

Action of Synod: This whole matter was referred to the new Committee for the Revision of the *Handbook.*

VI. INTERSYNODICAL AND DOCTRINAL MATTERS

Report of the Committee on Lutheran Union

(Memorial 513)

The Committee on Lutheran Union herewith respectfully submits its report.

Your Committee held six meetings with the representatives of the Hon. American Lutheran Church, Dr. C. C. Hein, the President of the A. L. C., recently deceased (whose place was taken by his successor, Dr. E. Poppen), Dr. M. Reu, Dr. P. H. Buehring, Rev. J. Lehmann, Rev. K. Hoessel, and Rev. A. G. Bergener. In these meetings chiefly the Minneapolis Theses and the *Brief Statement* of the Missouri Synod were thoroughly discussed. As the result of these discussions the representatives of the American Lutheran Church now present the following statement, to understand which it will be necessary to compare the Brief Statement of our Synod.

Declaration of the Representatives of the American Lutheran Church

Having carefully discussed with representatives of the Hon. Synod of Missouri, in a number of meetings, and on the basis of the Minneapolis Theses, the Chicago Theses, and the *Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod,* the points of doctrine that have been in controversy between us or concerning which a suspicion of departure from the true doctrine had arisen, we now summarize what according to our conviction is the result of our deliberations in the following statements:

I. Scripture and Inspiration

a. The Bible (that is, the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments) is the Word of God, His permanent revelation, aside from which, until Christ's return in glory, no other is to be expected.

b. The Bible consists of a number of separate books, written at various times, on various occasions, and for various purposes. Their authors were living, thinking personalities, each endowed by the Creator with an individuality of his own and each having his peculiar style, his own manner of presentation, using at times even various sources at hand, Num. 21:14; Josh. 10:13; Luke 1:1–4. Nevertheless by virtue of inspiration, *i. e.,* the unique operation of the Holy Spirit, 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21, by which He supplied to the holy writers contents and the fitting word, 1 Cor. 2:12, 13, the

separate books of the Bible constitute an organic whole without contradiction and error, John 10:35, and are rightly called the Word of God.

c. Since the Bible is the Word of God, it is the only source, rule, and norm for faith and life and the ever fresh and inexhaustible fountain of all comfort, strength, wisdom, and guidance, a means of grace, for mankind, John 5:39; Rom. 1:16.

II. Universal Plan of Salvation, Predestination, and Conversion

A. We confess that there is an eternal divine plan of salvation according to which God before the beginning of time resolved to prepare salvation for all through Christ, Acts 2:23; 4:28; 1 Pet. 1:20; cf. 2 Cor. 5:18, and to communicate the salvation prepared for all mankind to all men through Word and Sacrament, Luke 14:16–24; Matt. 11:28; John 12:32; 1 Tim. 2:4–7. To this end it is His purpose by His Word to work in all men true repentance and creatively to produce saving faith in them, 2 Cor. 4:6; Eph. 2:10; 1 Pet. 1:23, not irresistibly but in all cases with the same seriousness and the same power, Luke 14:23; Is. 55:10, 11. To this end He also purposes to justify those who have come to faith, to preserve them in faith, and finally to glorify them, 1 Cor. 2:7; 1 Pet. 1:5; which, however, does not exclude, but rather includes, that those who have come to faith must at all times work out their own salvation with fear and trembling, Phil. 2:12; Heb. 3:14; Col. 1:23. To this universal plan of salvation, revealed in Christ and proclaimed in the Scriptures, all Christians must adhere.

B. We confess that in addition there is an eternal election, or eternal purpose of God, according to which we declare with Paul that the fact that we have come to faith and will finally be saved is due to nothing whatever in ourselves nor to anything whatsoever that we have done or not done, omitted or not omitted, with natural powers or with so-called "powers of grace bestowed upon us," here in this life, but solely and alone to this eternal election, or eternal purpose, of God, 2 Tim. 1:9; Eph. 1:3–6; Rom. 8:28–30.

C. Concerning the relationship of the universal plan of salvation and the eternal election to each other we declare the following:

1. Only when both are maintained with equal emphasis will the full Scripture truth be expressed.

2. According to Scripture the eternal election took place solely by grace, for Christ's sake, and by way of the universal order of salvation, and it is carried out in time in the same manner.

3. When Scripture speaks of this eternal election, it, as a rule, takes its position in time, after men have come to faith, and in presenting this doctrine, Scripture addresses itself only to believers.

4. Whenever Paul speaks of eternal election, he does so with a feeling of unspeakable gratitude for the grace experienced or for the purpose of consoling believers in all manner of tribulation, but in no case implying that God had considered him and the rest of the believers better than the others and had elected them unto faith on that account or that his election is due to a grace of God that exists exclusively for the elect.

5. The eternal election of the believers unto sonship is not founded upon a second, different will of grace but upon the identical universal will which God earnestly entertains regarding all men.

6. Beyond these truths Scripture teaches nothing concerning the relation of the universal plan of salvation to the eternal election. For that reason all attempts to combine the two and thus to explain why some come to faith and salvation and others do not are human constructions, which should be avoided. As such a well-intended but nevertheless human construction we consider the statement of the old dogmaticians, made under peculiar circumstances, when they said that the eternal predestination took place *intuitu fidei.* It is true, if the term "election in view of persevering faith (*intuitu fidei finalis*)" is interpreted in this manner only, that God has decreed from eternity to give on Judgment Day — for the sake of the merits of Christ imputed to them — the crown of glory to those whom He Himself by His grace has brought to faith and has kept in faith unto the end, then such an interpretation expresses indeed a truth clearly revealed in Scripture. It is also true that the Scripture doctrine of election includes as the final step the glorification of the elect. But Scripture and the Confessions do not say that the eternal election, or predestination unto the adoption of children, took place *in view of faith.* Hence, for the sake of clarity in doctrinal presentation this terminology should be avoided.

III. The Church

In connection with the doctrine of the Church the question debated was whether it is permissible to speak of a visible side of the Church when defining its essence. We declare that to do so is not a false doctrine if by this visible side nothing else is meant than the use of the means of grace.

IV. The Office of the Public Administration of the Means of Grace

The office of the public administration of the means of grace is a divine institution. The power to forgive or retain sins, to preach the Law and the Gospel, has been committed by Christ not to an individual person, as Peter and his so-called successors, nor only to the twelve apostles nor to a special order, but to all Christians,

Matt. 16:19; 18:18; John 20:19, 20; to be compared with Luke 24:33–36. In order to have one in its midst who exercises this power publicly, in its name and by its order, the Christian congregation calls a capable person. By the call the congregation erects the office of the public administration of the means of grace in its midst. Ordination is the confirmation of the call; it is not a divine but a commendable human ordinance.

V. The Doctrine of Sunday

That which is contained on this point in the *Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod* is *publica doctrina* among us.

VI. The Doctrine Concerning the Last Things

A. *In General*

When considering the question concerning the Antichrist, the future conversion of Israel, the resurrection of the martyrs, and the millennial reign of Christ, the fact must not be overlooked that we are dealing here with the correct understanding of prophecy and fulfilment, that this understanding is not always easy and that even in the days of Christ the believers had an entirely different conception of the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy in many points than actually occurred but that nevertheless the fulfilment coincided exactly with the prophecy. We are certain that the same will be the case with respect to the New Testament prophecy. Not only will the great events which even now stand out clearly and unmistakably in the prophecy of Jesus and His apostles — the return of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, the final Judgment, the passing away of the old world and the creation of the new heaven and the new earth, the twofold termination of all history in eternal life or eternal damnation — find their realization, but even the individual details will be fulfilled, though the latter perhaps in a manner entirely different from that which some of the faithful expect on the basis of their understanding of Scripture. However, since all New Testament revelation constitutes a unity, nothing should be taught concerning the subjects named in our introductory sentence that would involve a negation of the following truths:

1. That as Christians we must at all times be ready for the return of Christ;

2. That as Christians we are bound, until the return of Christ, to the use of the means of grace and to the way of salvation revealed in the Gospel;

3. That the Church on earth, until the return of Christ, will continue to be a kingdom of the cross.

B. *In particular* we confess the following:

1. In regard to the Antichrist we accept the historical judgment of Luther in the Smalcald Articles (Part II, Art. IV:10) that the Pope is the very Antichrist (German: "der rechte Endechrist oder Widerchrist"), because among all the antichristian manifestations in the history of the world and the Church that lie *behind us in the past* there is none that fits the description given in 2 Thess. 2 better than the Papacy, particularly since the denial of the fundamental article of the Scripture on the part of the Papacy, *viz.*, the justification of the sinner by grace alone, for Christ's sake alone, by faith alone, constitutes the worst perversion imaginable of the very essence of Christianity and inevitably carries with it the dissolution of every God-pleasing moral world-order.

The answer to the question whether in the *future that is still before us,* prior to the return of Christ, a special unfolding and personal concentration of the antichristian power already present now and thus a still more comprehensive fulfilment of 2 Thess. 2 may occur, we leave to the Lord and Ruler of the Church and world history.

2. With reference to the question concerning the conversion of Israel, which some find indicated especially in Rom. 11:25, 26, we declare with Dr. Walther that to assume such a conversion "must not be regarded as a cause for division" (Milwaukee-Kolloquium, p. 156).

3. With reference to the assumption of a physical resurrection of the martyrs, which some find indicated in Rev. 20:4, we declare that we are not ready to deny church-fellowship to any one who holds this view, merely on that account, since we cannot consider the argument that this assumption violates the analogy of Scripture as cogent (cf. Matt. 27:52, 53) and since the representatives of this opinion do not assume a rule of the martyrs here on earth but hold that they go directly to heaven and rule there with Christ.

4. With reference to the thousand years of Rev. 20 we declare with Dr. Walther (Milwaukee-Kolloquium, p. 157) that "it is not possible to say with absolute certainty either that the thousand years have already been fulfilled or that they still lie in the future." If they should still lie in the future, nothing must be taught concerning the then existing Church on earth that would contradict the limitations stated under VI, A.

With the other points of doctrine presented in the Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod we are conscious of being in agreement. We also believe that in regard to the points touched upon in Sections I–IV the doctrines stated in the

Brief Statement are correct. However, we were of the opinion that it would be well in part to supplement them in the manner stated above, in part also to emphasize those of its points which seemed essential to us. With reference to Sections III and VI, B, we expect no more than this, that the Hon. Synod of Missouri will declare that the points mentioned there are not disruptive of church-fellowship.

If the honorable Synod of Missouri will acknowledge Sections I, II, IV, V, and VI, A, together with the statements following after VI, B, concerning our attitude toward the Brief Statement, as correct and declare that the points mentioned in Sections III and VI, B, are not disruptive of church-fellowship, the American Lutheran Church stands ready officially to declare itself in doctrinal agreement with the Hon. Synod of Missouri and to enter into pulpit- and altar-fellowship with it.

At the same time we recognize it as our duty to do what we can to bring about the acceptance of these doctrinal statements by the bodies with which we are now in church-fellowship.

At our last meeting with the representatives of the Hon. American Lutheran Church we made this statement:

"As to further steps to bring about church-fellowship between the two bodies, we, the representatives of the Missouri Synod, submit the following:

"1. The establishment of church-fellowship between the American Lutheran Church and the Missouri Synod will depend on the action taken by both bodies with reference to the *Brief Statement* and the Declaration of the representatives of the American Lutheran Church.

"2. The establishment of church-fellowship between the American Lutheran Church and the Missouri Synod will depend also on the establishment of doctrinal agreement with the aforementioned *Brief Statement* (Missouri Synod) and the *Declaration* (A. L. C.) on the part of those church-bodies with which the American Lutheran Church is in fellowship.

"3. It is understood that, as far as the Missouri Synod is concerned, this whole matter, including the *Declaration* of the representatives of the American Lutheran Church, must be submitted for approval to the other synods constituting the Synodical Conference.

"4. We deem it advisable that, until church-fellowship has been officially established, the pastors of both church-bodies meet in smaller circles wherever and as often as possible in order to discuss

both the doctrinal basis for union and the questions of church practise."

The representatives of the American Lutheran Church agreed to these four points.

We now respectfully suggest that Synod pass a resolution approving these points and that it also (either now or at a future meeting) state its position on the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives.

When we survey the discussions in which we have been engaged with the commission of the Hon. American Lutheran Church, we feel we must thank God for what has been accomplished, and it is with heartfelt gratitude to Him that we render this report.

Your Committee likewise held two meetings with representatives of the Hon. United Lutheran Church of America to see whether the obstacles preventing the establishment of pulpit- and altar-fellowship between the two bodies and their cooperation and eventual union could be removed. The colloquents for the U. L. C. A. in the first meeting were Dr. F. H. Knubel, the President of the U. L. C. A., Dr. C. M. Jacobs, Dr. H. F. Offermann, Dr. H. H. Bagger, Dr. P. H. Krauss, Mr. E. F. Eilert, Mr. J. K. Jensen, and Mr. E. Rinderknecht. At the second meeting the representatives of the U. L. C. A. were the same men, except that Mr. E. F. Eilert was not present while Dr. Clarence Miller, a member of the commission, this time was in attendance. At the first meeting the topic with which the discussions began was Lutheran solidarity. After this the chief topic of the conference was entered upon, the doctrine of the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. The *Brief Statement* of our Synod, treating of this doctrine in its opening paragraphs, was made the starting-point. In the course of the conference a paper was presented by a member of the U. L. C. A. commission treating this doctrine. Much to our regret no agreement was reached.

At the second meeting a paper was submitted by the U. L. C. A. delegation on "The Word of God and the Holy Scriptures." In addition, the doctrines of conversion and predestination were discussed on the basis of the *Brief Statement*. The theologians of the U. L. C. A. holding membership on this commission declared themselves in full harmony with the presentation of these doctrines in the *Brief Statement*. On the doctrine of inspiration, however, it was impossible for the two parties to come to an agreement.

We deplore very much that we cannot report a more favorable outcome for the negotiations on this fundamental doctrine, and we now respectfully ask Synod to declare whether the conferences with the representatives of the Hon. U. L. C. A. are to be continued.

We might add that the President of our Synod, Dr. J. W. Behnken, attended the third meeting we held with representatives of the American Lutheran Church and the second with the representatives of the United Lutheran Church.

W. Arndt C. F. Brommer F. H. Brunn
Th. Engelder Karl Kretzmann

Report of Committee 16 on Overture 513, on the unprinted overture of the Dubuque-Waterloo Circuit of the Iowa District East, and on all other written and oral opinions submitted to it in this connection:

At the last synodical convention in Cleveland (1935) the appointment of a Committee on Lutheran Union was authorized. This committee, appointed by the President of Synod, has held six meetings with the representatives of the Hon. American Lutheran Church.

As a result of these meetings the representatives of the American Lutheran Church accepted the doctrinal contents of the *Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod,* but in order to supplement and emphasize their position, the representatives of the American Lutheran Church made an official statement called *The Declaration of the Representatives of the American Lutheran Church.* The *Brief Statement* of the Missouri Synod, together with the *Declaration of the Representatives of the American Lutheran Church* show the doctrinal position which the American Lutheran Church representatives accepted.

Your Committee finds in the position of the representatives of the American Lutheran Church:

(a) First of all an agreement in the doctrinal statements concerning teachings disputed in the past or still in debate in some sections of the Lutheran Church of America, notably in the doctrines of inspiration, predestination, and conversion, Sunday, and the office of the public administration of the means of grace. It is with great joy that we note that in the chief difficulty which separated our Synod from the constituent bodies of the American Lutheran Church, the doctrine of predestination, unanimity has been reached and that false teachings held by some Lutheran teachers have been repudiated. Concerning agreement in this doctrine the sainted Dr. F. Pieper declared thirty-five years ago in his *Die Grunddifferenz in der Lehre von der Bekehrung und Gnadenwahl,* p. 28: "If unanimity in this point can be attained, that is, if from the heart we refrain from seeking a rational answer to the question *'Cur alii prae aliis?'* 'Why some rather than others' (are elected), this is a sign that we are truly of one spirit. . . . A Lutheran Church in America thus united would have to become

a great blessing for the Church of the whole world." It is similarly gratifying that concerning the Holy Scriptures the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives specifically and in opposition to some other Lutheran bodies emphasizes the verbal inspiration and the inerrancy of the Scriptures.

(b) In some non-fundamental points concerning the doctrine of the Last Things the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives asks tolerance for certain teachings and interpretations which have been rejected in our circles.

1. This concerns particularly the doctrine of the Anti-christ. With the Missouri Synod the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church, on the basis of the Scriptures and the Smalcald Articles, teaches that the Pope is the Anti-christ; but the question as to whether the future will bring a specific unfolding and personal concentration of the present anti-christian power is left to God.

While the Missouri Synod teaches on the basis of 2 Thess. 2:3–12 and in accord with the Smalcald Articles (Part II, Article IV:10) that the Pope is the very Anti-christ for the past *and* the future, your Committee finds that the synodical fathers * have declared that a deviation in this doctrine need not be divisive of church-fellowship. (*Lehre u. Wehre,* Vol. 19, 1873, p. 290; *Lehre u. Wehre,* Vol. 25, 1879, p. 35 ff.)

2. A second non-fundamental doctrine which the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives mention is the doctrine concerning the conversion of the Jews. The American Lutheran Church representatives do not state that their Church teaches, in opposition to ours, that there will be a universal conversion of all Jews. They do state, however, that some find this doctrine indicated especially in Rom. 11:25, 26 and that the acceptance of a conversion of the Jews must not be regarded as divisive of church-fellowship.

While the Missouri Synod teaches on the basis of the Scriptures that we are not to look forward to a universal conversion of all Jews before the end of the world, your Committee finds that the synodical fathers have declared that such deviation in this doctrine need not be regarded as a cause for division. (*Lehre u. Wehre,* Vol. 14, 1868, p. 252.)

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* With reference to the term "synodical fathers": In this and the following paragraphs the synodical fathers are mentioned and quoted. This must not be understoood in any way as if we were basing any doctrine on what the synodical fathers teach. We simply mention the fact that they considered some non-fundamental doctrines as not necessarily divisive of church-fellowship.

3. A third non-fundamental doctrine on which the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives report is the "assumption of a physical resurrection of the martyrs." The *Declaration* does not state that this is the doctrine of the American Lutheran Church. It merely declares that, if any one teaches this physical resurrection, the American Lutheran Church is not ready to deny church-fellowship merely on that account.

In regard to this assumption of a physical resurrection of the martyrs before Judgment Day the Missouri Synod teaches that this is a misinterpretation of Rev. 20:4, since, according to the statements of the Scriptures and the confessional writings there will be only one resurrection, and that on Judgment Day. Your Committee finds that the synodical fathers have declared that this erroneous assumption need not be divisive of church-fellowship. (*Lehre u. Wehre,* Vol. 18, 1872, p. 74 ff.)

4. The fourth point in the teachings concerning the Last Things on which the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives reports is the thousand years of Rev. 20. This *Declaration* is willing to leave the time of the fulfilment of these prophecies (whether in the past or in the future) undecided. It demands of those who place the thousand years in the future that they profess the truth that the Church on earth, until the return of Christ for Judgment, will continue to be a kingdom of the cross and that all Christians should be prepared for the coming of Christ at any moment.

In regard to the fulfilment of these thousand years in Rev. 20 and the question as to whether they lie in the past or in the future, Synod has allowed the right of different interpretation of this passage, provided such interpretation is not out of harmony with the analogy of faith and no chiliastic associations are involved.

In all other parts of our teachings concerning the last times the American Lutheran Church representatives agree with us. Their *Declaration* repudiates chiliasm by emphasizing that the Church will continue to be a kingdom of the cross until the end and by asserting that "Christians must at all times be ready for the return of Christ."

(c) In the fundamental doctrines discussed in the *Declaration* of the representatives of the American Lutheran Church we note in connection with the doctrine of the Church that they declare it permissible to speak of "a visible side of the Church" when defining its essence "if by this visible side nothing else is meant than the use of the means of grace." While the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives, in accepting our *Brief Statement,* also accepts the doctrine of the Church as the invisible

communion of the saints, it has been felt by some that, if this expression, "the visible side of the Church," were permitted to remain unexplained, it might give occasion for the fostering of false doctrine, such as the Romanizing teaching which represents the Church as an external religious or social institution. Your Committee finds that our synodical fathers conceded that the Word and the Sacraments may in a certain sense be considered as belonging to the essence of the Church. Therefore a difference in this point need not be divisive of church-fellowship when this expression, "the visible side of the Church," is understood in the light of our Synod's pronouncement by Dr. Walther in *Das Buffaloer Kolloquium,* 1866, p. 9.

(d) In regard to all other fundamental doctrines the Committee found itself in accord with the teachings of the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives. While the phraseology employed was sometimes not that which we use, we feel, especially in view of the explanations by our Committee on Lutheran Union, that these statements contain the truth as expressed in the Scriptures and our Lutheran confessional writings. We have accepted these statements as the sincere expression of the American Lutheran Church representatives.

After conducting many meetings and a number of public hearings, after reading various communications sent us in connection with Overture 513, and being confronted with the duty of recommending resolutions to Synod concerning the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives, your Committee submits the following resolutions:

Resolved:

1. That we raise our grateful hearts and voices to the Triune God, thanking His mercy for the guidance of the Holy Spirit by which the points of agreement have been reached and imploring His further guidance toward the consummation of the efforts to bring about church-fellowship between the Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church, even though we believe that under the most favorable circumstances much time and effort may be required before any union may be reached.

2. That Synod declare that the *Brief Statement* of the Missouri Synod, together with the *Declaration* of the representatives of the American Lutheran Church and the provisions of this entire report of Committee No. 16 now being read and with Synod's actions thereupon, be regarded as the doctrinal basis for *future church-fellowship* between the Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church.

3. That in regard to the points of non-fundamental doctrines

mentioned in the *Declaration* of the American Lutheran Church representatives (Anti-christ, the conversion of the Jews, the physical resurrection of the martyrs, the fulfilment of the thousand years) we endeavor to establish *full* agreement and that our Committee on Lutheran Union be instructed to devise ways and means of reaching this end.

4. That in regard to the propriety of speaking of "the visible side of the Church" we ask our Committee on Lutheran Union to work to this end that uniform and Scripturally acceptable terminology and teaching be attained.

5. That, since for true unity we need not only this doctrinal agreement but also agreement in practise, we state with our synodical fathers that according to the Scriptures and the Lutheran confessional writings Christian practise must harmonize with Christian doctrine and that, where there is a divergence from Biblical, confessional practise, strenuous efforts must be made to correct such deviation. We refer particularly to the attitude toward the anti-christian lodge, anti-Scriptural pulpit- and altar-fellowship, and all other forms of unionism.

6. That regarding the establishment of church-fellowship between the two bodies on this basis, Synod recognize the following points, which embody and augment the four recommendations of Synod's Committee on Lutheran Union:

a. The establishing of church-fellowship between the American Lutheran Church and the Missouri Synod will depend on the action taken by each body with reference to the *Brief Statement*, the *Declaration* of the representatives of the American Lutheran Church, and the report of this Committee as adopted by Synod.

b. The establishing of church-fellowship between the American Lutheran Church and the Missouri Synod will depend also on the establishing on the part of the American Lutheran Church of doctrinal agreement with those church-bodies with which the American Lutheran Church is in fellowship.

c. As far as the Missouri Synod is concerned, this whole matter must be submitted for approval to the other synods constituting the Synodical Conference.

d. Until church-fellowship has been officially established, the pastors of both church-bodies are encouraged to meet in smaller circles wherever and as often as possible in order to discuss both the doctrinal basis for union and the questions of church practise.

7. That, if by the grace of God fellowship can be established, this fact is to be announced officially by the President of Synod. Until then no action is to be taken by any of our pastors or congregations which would overlook the fact that we are not yet united.

8. That for the purposes herein stated we recommend to Synod that the Committee on Lutheran Union be continued.

9. That we express our sincere gratitude to the members of the Committee on Lutheran Union for their diligent, painstaking, and conscientious work and bespeak for them continued divine blessing.

Action of Synod: After discussing this matter in four sessions, Synod *adopted* this report of *Committee 16.*

Relative to the report of the Committee on Lutheran Union as to its meetings with representatives of the

United Lutheran Church of America

Committee 16 reported:

WHEREAS, Our Committee on Lutheran Union has held two meetings with representatives of the Hon. United Lutheran Church of America; and

WHEREAS, In these discussions the theologians of the U. L. C. A. holding membership on this commission declared themselves in full harmony with the presentation of the doctrines of conversion and predestination contained in the *Brief Statement of the Doctrinal Position of the Missouri Synod* but were not able to come to an agreement with our committee on the fundamental doctrine of inspiration; and

WHEREAS, Our Committee asks Synod to declare whether the conferences with the representatives of the Hon. U. L. C. A. are to be continued; therefore be it

Resolved, That according to the Scriptural injunction 1 Pet. 3:15 ("Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you") and in the interest of Christian union with all those who are agreed in the doctrines of our Lutheran faith, Synod declare itself willing and ready to continue such conferences through its committee and on the basis of Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions if the representatives of the U. L. C. A. are ready to continue them; and be it further

Resolved, That Synod should take steps, especially through synodical publications, to help avoid any premature and unwarranted conclusions regarding the status of our relation with the U. L. C. A. These negotiations must not be interpreted as implying that Synod has changed its position in any of the doctrines discussed or that we are approaching doctrinal agreement with the U. L. C. A.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Relations with the Finnish National Church

Report of the Standing Committee

(Memorial 514)

Unſerm diesmaligen Bericht legen wir die folgenden Schriftſtücke bei:

„Ein Beſuch bei der Finniſchen Ev.-Luth. Nationalkirche" von Paſtor R. Herrmann; „Auf der Finniſchen Synode in Thomſon" von D. L. Fürbringer; „Bericht über die Interſynodale Paſtoralkonferenz am 5. Okt. 1937 in Hancock, Mich.", von A. E. Kokkonen; „Etwas über die Vereinigungsfrage der Nationalkirche und der Suomiſynode" von Paſtor S. V. Autere.

Daraus geht nach unſerer Meinung dies hervor:

1. daß unſere Beziehungen zu der Finniſchen Nationalkirche andauernd freundlich und brüderlich ſind;

2. daß die Paſtoren der Finniſchen Nationalkirche treu an Schrift und Bekenntnis feſthalten trotz angebotener unioniſtiſcher Vereinigung und nachheriger Verunglimpfung von ſeiten der Suomiſynode.

Wir empfehlen daher, daß unſere Beziehungen zu der Finniſchen Nationalkirche nicht abgebrochen, ſondern fortgeſetzt werden durch ein Komitee, wie bisher.

Ferner, daß auch für das nächſte Triennium eine jährliche Unterſtützung von $600 für ihre ſo notwendige Miſſionsarbeit erlaubt werde.

Auf unſerer Anſtalt in Springfield befinden ſich finniſche Jünglinge, die ſich auf das Predigtamt in ihrer Kirche vorbereiten. Zwei ſind bereits im Amt.

Achtungsvoll

Das Komitee:

F. Pfotenhauer, Vorſitzer
John Schinnerer
H. Daib, Korreſpondent

Report of Committee 16:

WHEREAS, The relations of the Missouri Synod to the Finnish National Church have continuously been friendly and fraternal; and

WHEREAS, The pastors and congregations of the Finnish National Church have remained faithful to the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions and have rejected invitations to unionistic alliances; therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That Synod continue its relations with the Finnish National Church;

2. That the present Committee on Relations with the Finnish National Church be retained;

3. That Synod during the next triennium continue to appropriate annually the subsidy of $600 for the mission-work of the Finnish National Church with the understanding that this appropriation be referred to the Fiscal Conference for disposal.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Instructor in the Finnish Language at the Springfield Seminary

Report of Committee 16:

WHEREAS, The President of the Finnish National Church has requested the appointment of an instructor in the Finnish language for our theological seminary in Springfield, Ill., and

WHEREAS, This appointment, though highly desirable at this time, appears to be attended by several difficulties and therefore requires further study and investigation; therefore be it

Resolved, That this request be referred to our committee on Finnish matters in this country, which is to investigate the situation, consult the officials of the Finnish National Church and the Springfield faculty and Board of Control, and then make its report with recommendations to the Board of Directors of Synod, which is hereby authorized to take appropriate action.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Greetings to Finnish National Church

Report of Committee 16:

WHEREAS, The Finnish National Church this year commemorates the fortieth anniversary of its organization; and

WHEREAS, In view of the increasingly closer relations between the Missouri Synod and the Finnish National Church we have reason to rejoice in the Lord on the occasion of this anniversary and to wish the Finnish National Church the continued and abiding benediction of the Savior; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the delegates of the Centennial Synod, assembled in convention at St. Louis, Mo., send our cordial greetings and good wishes in Christ to the Jubilee Convention of the Finnish National Church to be held at Calumet, Mich., June 26—28, 1938; and be it further

Resolved, That these greetings be personally conveyed to the synodical convention of the Finnish National Church by Pastors H. Daib and G. Herrmann.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Fiduciary Committee in Matters of Doctrine and Practise

Report of Committee 16:

With reference to Memorial No. 3 (unprinted) entitled *"Concerning Truth,"* an overture to Synod requesting a synodical ruling on various expressions culled from synodical periodicals and from other publications circulating within the Synod, and

With reference to Memorial No. 23 (unprinted), recommending *"Doctrinal Control over Non-official Church-papers having a wide circulation"* within Synod, and

With respect to a communication concerning *"Synodical Control over Organizations in the Church,"* and

With reference to a communication directed against suggestions of employing *"the power of Synod as a means of enforcing agreement by means of resolutions and censorship,"* and with reference to a number of other unprinted overtures submitted to Committee 16,

Your Committee recommends the following *resolutions:*

WHEREAS, These memorials and communications cover a wide field and involve many instances of diverging opinions concerning serious points or matters; and

WHEREAS, It is physically impossible for Synod to deal adequately with these matters during the limited time of its sessions either through a committee or on the floor; and

WHEREAS, In many cases there is every reason to hope that under thoughtful guidance and proper admonition most, if not all, of the points at issue could be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, A smaller body of brethren especially suitable for purposes of guidance and adjustments of these and similar criticisms and strictures might more deliberately and adequately attend to such matters in a satisfactory and mutually profitable way; therefore be it

Resolved, That we recommend to Synod that it instruct its President to appoint a standing committee of five brethren of known theological acumen and of recognized practical experience to which the President, who according to our Constitution has the supervision regarding the doctrine and administration of all officers of the Synod and all such as are employed by the Synod, shall, according to his discretion, refer the memorials and communications submitted to our committee as well as similar memorials and communications of the future for adjustment; and be it

Resolved, That the functions of this committee be strictly fiduciary and advisory along the lines of brotherly efforts, in the interest of divine truth and of confessional and synodical correctness; and be it

Resolved, That such committee serve for the term of three years intervening from one synodical session to another; and be it further

Resolved, That in cases of sufficient importance in which this committee finds itself unable to adjust the matter the committee refer such case or cases to Synod for further action; and be it finally

Resolved, That Synod, whilst readily admitting the right of free expression and of public appeal as an inherent right of the members, after brotherly private admonition has been resorted to, it nevertheless, in accord with the Scripturally founded principle that the peace and welfare of the Church is of supreme importance, herewith request and urge its members to refrain as much as possible from circularizing Synod or large areas thereof, at least not until the committee herein suggested shall have been consulted and shall have been accorded a reasonable time to attempt adjudication of the matters concerned.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Objections to Doctrinal Paper in Proceedings of Iowa West District

(Unprinted Memorial 1)

Report of Committee 16:

WHEREAS, This overture asks Synod "not to approve of, and consent to, the doctrinal paper" in the *Proceedings of the First Convention of the Iowa District West,* part of which treats of "The Individual Communion Cup," and requests Synod to "postpone any official pronouncement on said section of the doctrinal paper mentioned until the next convention of Synod and in the mean time to induce the conferences of pastors and teachers . . . to study . . . the questions of the cup in the Lord's Supper"; and

WHEREAS, This overture asserts that the use of the individual cup is anti-Scriptural, sinful, abominable; and

WHEREAS, Our Synod teaches and practises that, while the custom of the one cup should be retained, the overture presents no valid Scriptural reason against the individual cup; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we deny the request of the overture.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Baccalaureate Services in State Institutions

(Unprinted Memorial 9)

Report of Committee 16:

This memorial declares that there is a difference of view and practise in regard to the propriety of conducting baccalaureate services in public high schools and State colleges. It asks that Synod definitely assert or reassert its official position on this matter and answer these two questions:

1. When and under what circumstances, if at all, may a pastor of Synod officiate at such a service?

2. When and under what circumstances, if at all, may members of our congregations who are members of the graduating class attend such a service?

Because of the unusual amount of work with which your Committee has been entrusted we have not found it possible to accord this matter the detailed consideration it demands. Since it has come to our attention that these questions relative to the baccalaureate services are to be treated in the near future by the faculty of our Theological Seminary in St. Louis, we recommend that this request be directed to that faculty.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Investigation of Statement on Chinese Term Question

Report of Committee 16:

This petition asserts that there are false statements in the report of the Foreign Mission Board (Overture 410, p. 147), and charges the Foreign Mission Board with misleading the members of Synod.

Because this charge involves an official board and several matters constitutionally under the jurisdiction of the President of Synod, your Committee recommends that it be referred to the President of Synod, to whom it is addressed.

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

Committee 16 also reported on an unprinted overture objecting to the report of Committee 21 D of the 1929 convention.

The third paragraph of this overture, dated January 6, 1938, asks this convention to remember that it must annul or correct the accepted report of Committee 21 D of the synodical convention of 1929. It asserts that this committee failed to state the proper principle of Scripture; that this committee was not only incompetent but also had no power to decide a question of Chinese language; that the decision proposed by this committee and adopted by Synod commits our missionaries in China to a practise of religious syncretism, mixing Christianity and paganism. For these reasons this overture calls upon Synod to correct the accepted report of the committee.

Since the matter of the Chinese term question is being discussed by a committee of the Synodical Conference, to which appeal has been made, your Committee recommends that this request to annul or change this part of the printed and accepted synodical *Proceedings of 1929* be denied at this time.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Interpretation of Hos. 2:16, 17

Concerning this question, on which several communications had been presented to *Committee 16,* this committee submitted the following *report:*

Since it has always been the policy of our Church to concede the possibility of variant interpretations of one passage as long as they do not conflict with the analogy of faith; and since both of these expositions of Hos. 2:16, 17 meet this requirement, we recommend that this request be denied.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Are Doctrinal Statements in Our Church Organs Official?

An unprinted overture requested Synod to give an official declaration as to how the doctrinal statements and expressions of our professors and leaders in our official organs and otherwise shall be viewed and taken.

Committee 16 recommended that this request for an official declaration be referred to the standing committee on Constitutional Matters.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

VII. PUBLICATION MATTERS

Report of Concordia Publishing House

(Memorial 601 and Supplement. Memorial 614)

In submitting our triennial report, we are gratefully acknowledging not only the protection and guidance of God in our work, but also the intelligent and willing cooperation of Synod's Literature Board, the theological faculty in St. Louis, the Young People's Literature Board, Synod's Board of Christian Education, and many individuals. We must not omit to state that we enjoy splendid

cooperation on the part of all our employees. God has protected us during the triennium from any serious mishap and has granted an improvement in our business status.

According to synodical regulations the following directors must have successors elected by your convention: Mr. M. J. Roschke, Mr. Oscar P. Brauer, Mr. Harry J. W. Niehaus, and the undersigned. The following gentlemen still have another term to serve: Mr. Walter Junghans, Mr. R. C. Obermann, and Mr. W. F. Wischmeyer.

Subjoined is a list of the chief titles we published during the past three years besides the regular periodicals.

1935

The Yoke Made Easy: A. Doerffler
Ambassadors of Christ: P. Lindemann
Communion Counsel and Prayers: F. J. Lankenau
Catechetical Preparations, Part III: "The Last Four Chief Parts": T. C. Appelt
The Borderland of Right and Wrong: Theo. Graebner, D. D.
Manual for Lutheran Saturday-schools: A. C. Stellhorn
The Story of C. F. W. Walther: W. G. Polack
Problems of Lutheran Union, and Other Essays: Theo. Graebner, D. D.
Bible History References (revised and enlarged), Volumes I and II: F. Rupprecht
Teaching the Bible-story: A. Schmieding
Tomorrow's Rainbow: Allene Albrecht
For Better, Not for Worse: W. A. Maier, Ph. D.
Autograph Album Selections: Wm. A. Kramer
Clip, 1935: A. Doerffler
Mission Study Outlines for Schools and Societies: A. H. Lange
Sermon Illustrations, Concordia Pulpit 1936, Volume VII: F. F. Selle and Ewald Plass
Christ for Every Crisis: W. A. Maier, Ph. D.
What Lutheran Sunday-school Teachers Should Know (revised): P. E. Kretzmann, D. D.
Curriculum in Music for Lutheran Schools: H. M. Zurstadt
Daily Prayers (new format): C. Abbetmeyer

Tract:

No. 126. Miles Coverdale and the First English Bible: J. T. Mueller, Th. D.

Music:

Selected Solos for Pipe-organ, Books I. II: H. Markworth
Praise the Lord. A Song Service: W. G. Polack
Jesus, Our Redeemer: D. F. Goerss
There Were Shepherds (Palmer): arranged by Walter Sassmannshausen
Three Chorale Harmonizations (Bach): arranged by Walter Sassmannshausen
Be Thou Faithful (Leutzel): arranged by Walter Sassmannshausen
Euphonia No. 14: Lovely Appear: arranged by Walter Sassmannshausen

1936

Articles of Incorporation: John H. C. Fritz, D. D.
Curriculum in Music for Lutheran Schools: H. M. Zurstadt
Motherhood Prayers (from Starck's *Prayer-book*)
Where did You Learn That? Anna Loeser
Healing in His Wings: A. Doerffler
Doctrinal Declarations
Biography of Dr. Friedrich Bente: Josephine Bente
Christ for the Nation: W. A. Maier, Ph. D.

Policies of the Missouri Synod Regarding Christian Day-schools: Alb. G. Merkens
Advanced Bible History: A. C. Stellhorn
Life of Christ: A. Fahling
Way of Life (new edition): G. Luecke
Concordia Pulpit, Vol. 8
Civil Government (reprint from U. S. Summary of History): H. B. Fehner
Brightest Light in Darkest Africa: J. T. Mueller, Th. D.
The Foundations Must Stand! P. E. Kretzmann, Ph. D., D. D.
Die Leidensgeschichte: Ernest Eckhardt

Music:

Be Thou My Guide (Trebalto Collection, 108): Walter E. Buszin
Great Is the Lord (Trebalto Collection, 109): Walter E. Buszin
Selected Solos for Pipe-organ, Vol. III: H. Markworth
And It Came to Pass: Alfred Schmieding
Martin Luther: P. C. Krey
Christmas Cantata: Richard T. Rohlfing

1937

My Redeemer Liveth: O. P. Kretzmann
Heaven: Geo. Beiderwieden
Preliminary Report of the Committee on a Revised Translation of Luther's Small Catechism
Ye Shall Be Witnesses: G. Chr. Barth
Fourth Lutheran Hour: W. A. Maier, Ph. D.
Streams of Living Water: Walter E. Hohenstein
Perfect in Every Good Work: Richard R. Caemmerer
Thomasius Gospel Selections: L. Fuerbringer, D. D.
Why do I Believe the Bible Is God's Word?: Wm. Dallmann, D. D.
Walking with God: L. Buchheimer
Composite Outlines on the Books of the Bible: R. Herrmann
Christian Citizenship: Theo. Graebner, D. D.
Distinctive Doctrines: Geo. Luecke, Sr.
Concordia Pulpit, Vol. 9.
The King and His Kingdom: H. F. Wind
Modern Series of Gospel Selections
Our Glorious Savior: F. J. Lankenau, D. D.
The Smalcald Articles
Christian Prayer: W. Arndt, D. D., Ph. D.
The Lord's Prayer and Christian Life: Martin Graebner
Sin and Grace: Arthur J. Doege

Music:

In Thy Courts (Concordia Collection of Sacred Choruses, etc., 47): F. Leslie Calver
Rejoice in the Lord: W. G. Polack
Lord, Keep Us in Thy Word (Concordia Collection of Sacred Choruses, etc., 48): Paul Aufdemberge
Sing Praises to God (Concordia Collection of Sacred Choruses, etc., 49): J. C. Wohlfeil
Benediction (Concordia Collection of Sacred Choruses, etc., 50): J. C. Wohlfeil
Christmas Fantasia: Richard T. Rohlfing
Birth of Christ: A. J. Felten
Jesus, Tender Shepherd (Sacred Solos, 12): J. C. Wohlfeil

We continued the publication of all our periodicals. To the list has been added the *Child's Companion,* which is apparently gaining a place for itself.

Our losses on bad accounts have been slightly diminished as

a general proposition, though we did have a few unusually large losses. We are carrying out the instructions we received at the last convention to draw our credit lines a little tighter. That is a hard proposition, however.

During the past triennium we were obliged to make several larger replacements of machinery, and we are facing additional ones in the immediate future. The very considerable increase in the circulation of the *Witness* has forced us to install much faster presses and will probably soon force us to substitute even more speedy methods of manufacture. The increase in the circulation of the *Witness* and, to a lesser extent, of the *Lutheraner* is due in large part to the fact that whole Districts are buying at a very close price District editions of these periodicals. Experience may teach us that the price we set is not quite high enough. Unfortunately we cannot conscientiously make similar attractive prices to the smaller Districts. The following Districts are now buying District editions of the *Witness* and the *Lutheraner:* Iowa East, Iowa West, Western, South Wisconsin, Central, and Oregon and Washington.

We recommend to Synod to authorize discontinuation of the *Kinder- und Jugendblatt* at the close of the current year and the authorization to discontinue the publication of the *Guide* if and when its place can be filled in some other way. We also should have the same authorization with reference to the *Young Lutherans' Magazine* as plans are being considered to rearrange the articulation between our three English juveniles, and our hands should not be tied by the traditional policy under which we are not supposed to discontinue any periodical without a resolution of Synod. Our Sunday-school series has been improved and is still undergoing improvements; it has gained in circulation quite satisfactorily, though it is to be much regretted that this synodically ordered and synodically regulated series must still compete for favor in our own circles with privately published Sunday-school material or even with non-Lutheran series.

The members of Synod have received reports of the Hymnology Committee on the proposed new hymn-book and recently have received a proof print of the proposed new Catechism.

Other features of our business, such as the cheap devotional series and the Teachers' Training Series, etc., are undoubtedly reported on by other boards.

Our financial report will be handed as a separate item to the delegates at the convention.

Respectfully submitted,

RUD. H. C. MEYER, *Secretary*

Financial Report of Concordia Publishing House

ST. LOUIS, MO.

For the Triennium — May 1, 1935, to April 30, 1938

Operations	Dr.	Cr.
Sales		2,026,121.97
Merchandise, Material & Mfg.	1,521,435.42	
Merchandise Material on hand		337,213.90
Administrative & Selling Expenses	492,322.39	
Gain	349,578.06	
	2,363,335.87	2,363,335.87

Result of Operations		
Worth May 1, 1935		1,172,380.65
Devaluation of Inventories	173,107.41	
Dividends paid	275,000.00	
Gain		349,578.06
Net Worth April 30, 1938	1,073,851.30	
	1,521,958.71	1,521,958.71

Worth April 30, 1938	Resources
Cash on hand & in Bank	115,964.06
Accounts Receivable	151,541.51
Inventories, Mdse. & Supplies	348,865.60
Plant	508,629.07
Bonds & Securities	64,541.45
Total Resources	1,189,541.69
Liabilities	
Due Subscribers	99,287.61
Accts. Payable	16,402.78
	115,690.39
Net Worth	1,073,851.30

Respectfully submitted as a supplement to Memorial No. 601 on page 186 of *Reports and Memorials* for the Thirty-seventh Regular Convention at St. Louis, Mo., June 15—25, 1938.

E. SEUEL, *Manager*

On the matters contained in the above report and supplement and in Memorial 614 *Committee 11* submitted the following *resolutions:*

1. WHEREAS, Concordia Publishing House has repeatedly been instructed by Synod to publish a weekly children's magazine; and

WHEREAS, Concordia Publishing House is now, in compliance with this request, publishing the *Child's Companion* in a very acceptable form; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod recommend the *Child's Companion* to its constituent congregations for the widest possible distribution.

2. WHEREAS, Concordia Publishing House deals almost exclusively with a Christian clientele; and

WHEREAS, Despite this fact the credit losses and accounts receivable are far too great in proportion to the annual turnover in business; therefore be it

Resolved, That we instruct Concordia Publishing House to institute an even more stringent credit policy than heretofore.

3. WHEREAS, the *Lutheran Witness* and the *Lutheraner* now have a circulation of 79,000 and 23,000, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the *Lutheran Witness* enjoys a greater popularity than any other denominational church-paper; therefore be it

Resolved, That the editors and Concordia Publishing House be commended.

4. Though we fully realize the great blessing that is brought into the Districts by the District editions of our *Witness* and *Lutheraner* and would like to see that blessing extended to other Districts, it is simply not possible to make as low a price to smaller Districts as that to which the larger Districts are entitled by virtue of the size of their order. If an increasing number of larger Districts would order District editions, then the grand total might possibly enable an equalization in price to the benefit of the smaller Districts.

5. WHEREAS, The *Kinder- und Jugendblatt* no longer fulfils the purpose for which it originally was published by the sainted Pastor J. P. Beyer; and

WHEREAS, It is now being published at a financial loss to Concordia Publishing House; therefore be it

Resolved, That Concordia Publishing House be authorized to discontinue publication of the *Kinder- und Jugendblatt* at the end of the present volume.

6. WHEREAS, There is at the present time under consideration the publication of a graduated series of magazines; and

WHEREAS, According to the new series, the magazines known as the *Lutheran Guide* and the *Young Lutherans' Magazine* may become superfluous; therefore be it

Resolved, That Concordia Publishing House be authorized, in the event that the graduated series of magazines becomes a reality, to discontinue the publication of either the *Guide* or the *Young Lutherans' Magazine* or both.

7. Synod should be highly gratified over the fact that our Sunday-school series enjoys a very wide circulation, not only in our own Missouri Synod circles but even beyond the boundaries of our Synod; and yet it must be deplored that an appreciable number of our own congregations use privately published Lutheran or even sectarian Sunday-school material; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod urge all congregations through their officials to use our own Concordia Publishing House Sunday-school series.

8. WHEREAS, The latest venture of the Publishing House to furnish inexpensive devotional booklets has proved a phenomenal success; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod urge an even wider distribution of these devotional booklets.

9. Your Committee has examined the condensed financial report of Concordia Publishing House, submitted as a supplement to Memorial 601, and recommends its adoption.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Committee 11 also submitted the following paragraph, *on appreciation of the faithful services of Manager E. Seuel,* which was *adopted* and acted upon:

We ask Synod to remember how deeply it ought to appreciate the safe managing of the large business interests of Concordia Publishing House in these troublesome times by our faithful manager, Dr. E. Seuel, and show such appreciation of his thirty-one years of efficient service by a rising vote of thanks.

Report of General Literature Board

(Memorial 602. Unprinted Memorial 20. Cf. also Memorial 607)

Appointment

Pursuant to instructions of the 1935 Delegate Convention the President of Synod, in conjunction with the Vice-Presidents, appointed the following to the General Literature Board: Revs. J. G. F. Kleinhans, L. Buchheimer, Alfred Doerffler, R. R. Caemmerer; Mr. H. F. Bade. Following the acceptance of his call to Immanuel

College at Greensboro, N. C., Pastor Buchheimer tendered his resignation in January, 1937; he was replaced by Rev. W. Wilk. Rev. J. G. F. Kleinhans was elected chairman, Rev. L. Buchheimer secretary, later replaced by the undersigned. Dr. E. Seuel, as manager of Concordia Publishing House, attended meetings as an advisory member and was represented during his illness by Rev. R. H. C. Meyer. Various individuals were called upon for advice in individual projects. In accordance with the instructions of the 1935 Delegate Convention a set of rules and regulations was drawn up by the Praesidium, under which the Board has endeavored to operate.

Function

The functions of the General Literature Board include not merely criticism of items offered for publication but the planning of synodical literature as a whole: "to study the needs of the Lutheran Church, particularly the Missouri Synod, with a view to determining what kind of literature may be required, and also, if necessary, to select authors to undertake certain literary tasks" (*Syn. Handbk.*, p. 134, No. 8). Such a study was made at the outset of the triennium, and it formed the basis of the work of the Board. The study itself and the resultant planning emerged not merely out of the Board's own judgment but from the opinions of a wide circle of clergy and laity, voiced through synodical and conference resolutions, correspondence and private conferences, and the commercial experience of Concordia Publishing House. The Board wishes to express its appreciation of these many communications and suggestions. In endeavoring to reconcile conflicting opinions, it has been guided solely by the desire to serve the Church as a whole.

In carrying out a plan for synodical literature, the Board reviewed many manuscripts offered by authors without solicitation or at the suggestion of conferences or other sponsors. Acceptance or rejection of these manuscripts depended not only on intrinsic worth but also on the extent to which these manuscripts fitted into the general plan of synodical literature — avoided duplication of existing publications, were available in point of cost and popularity of style to the widest possible circle of readers, and did not conflict with the timing on the market of comparable items. The Board was concerned not only with the publication of items but was desirous of directing publications into the most advantageous channels. It is easy to print books, but they do not serve if they are not purchased and read. Where the Board declined manuscripts, it did so regretfully but with the confidence that authors working for the improvement of Synod's readers rather than self-publication would recognize the principles involved.

Periodicals

The planning of Synod's literature embraces its periodicals. Hence the 1932 convention authorized the Board to "guide the publication of periodicals," and the 1935 convention passed resolutions which are interpreted in the "Rules and Regulations" submitted to the Board as follows: "Define the general policies and indicate the content and arrangement of the reading-matter brought in such periodicals." (*Syn. Handbk.*, p. 135, No. 9.) In accordance with these instructions the Board met with the editorial committee of the *Lutheran Witness*, making such suggestions as seemed representative of synodical opinion and in the best interests of the readers. To a certain extent its opinions are reflected in improvements in the *Lutheran Witness*, and the Board appreciates the cooperative attitude of the editorial committee. Problems of the *Concordia Junior Messenger* were also discussed with the editor.

Suggestions concerning the *Concordia Theological Monthly* were drafted. The editorial committee welcomed suggestions from the members of the Board as individuals, but does not regard the Board as possessing authorization under synodical provisions to make such suggestions as a Board. While the individual members of the Board are willing to operate under such an understanding, they feel that for the sake of order a clear definition of the Board's responsibility should be issued. Meantime it assumes that the *Concordia Theological Monthly* will otherwise report to the present convention.

The editorial committee of the *School Journal* discussed with the Board the feasibility of enlarging its scope to become an organ for all educational workers of Synod. The Board is of the opinion, in keeping with the sentiment of many teachers in particular, that the *School Journal* should remain the organ for the teachers of the Christian day-school, though its contents should naturally embrace all their professional interests. Definite judgment in this matter should be given.

Day-school and Sunday-school publications have been under the supervision of the Board of Christian Education; in some instances both boards have surveyed publications in advance. The *Child's Companion*, the new weekly periodical for children of school age, proceeded from the deliberations of both groups and seems to fill a genuine need.

Results

In carrying out a unified plan for Synod's literature, much work was inaugurated and authorship assigned. The outstanding item of progress during the triennium is the introduction of the devotional series. While the individual booklet is brief and in-

expensive, the publication and circulation in the aggregate are most significant. The average circulation per issue, excluding the many additional copies distributed by the Publicity Office of Synod, is over one hundred thousand. The effort was made, in choosing authors, to take account of the divergent areas of Synod and to give a nation-wide appeal to the work, while at the same time safeguarding the truly devotional character of each volume.

The request of long standing of the Delegate Convention to provide for historical works has progressed to the assignment of the preparation of a history of the Missouri Synod. This work is under way and should be completed in time for the celebration of the centennial of the organization of Synod in 1947. Likewise a manual on the history of the Church and of Synod for the use of children is in preparation. These works can be hurried only at the expense of accuracy and completeness.

The Board is being utilized by the Centennial Committee in planning publications suitable for the observance of the centennial. Publications of a popular as well as of a more technical nature are in preparation. Here the problem of avoiding duplication is particularly imperative.

Among other unfinished works on the docket of the Board at the time of this report are: a Bible Dictionary prepared by our own scholars; an Annotated Bible revised by our own authorities and bringing comment in handy and inexpensive form; monographs on exegetical subjects; a project for religious instruction in the family; a series of theological works in inexpensive format dealing with the principal problems of doctrine.

A full list of works published by Concordia Publishing House during the triennium will be found in the report of the Fiscal Board of Concordia Publishing House.

The Board at this time is ready to present one overture to Synod:

Penny Edition of Augsburg Confession

WHEREAS, Congregational practise demands that every member be familiar with the Augsburg Confession; therefore be it

Resolved, That a penny edition of the Augsburg Confession be issued without regard to commercial expediency.

THE GENERAL LITERATURE BOARD
RICHARD R. CAEMMERER, *Secretary*

Committee 11 submitted the following report and *recommendations:*

1. WHEREAS, There seems to be some doubt with reference to the interpretation of the rules by which the Literature Board is to be guided, we recommend that this matter be referred to the Praesidium, the author of such regulations.

2. An unprinted memorial bearing the number 20, requesting the publication of an elementary church history, has been taken care of by the fact that Superintendent Roth is writing such a book, which will probably be published in fall.

3. Your Committee also wishes to report that the various books authorized by Synod's Centennial Committee as well as by Synod itself are in the making.

4. WHEREAS, Every member of Synod should be familiar with the Augsburg Confession, therefore we recommend that Concordia Publishing House place it on the market in a penny edition.

Action of Synod: Points 1 and 4 were *adopted;* Points 2 and 3 were received by way of report.

Report of Young People's Literature Board

(Memorial 603)

We herewith submit to you a report on the work of the Young People's Literature Board as performed by your Committee since the convention in Cleveland in 1935.

As you know, this Board, when it was created by Synod in 1914, was requested to read and recommend books for the children and young people of our Church. Later Synod ordered the Board to consider and recommend also books for adults. Both resolutions of Synod have been carried out as well as this could be done, circumstances not always permitting your Board to accomplish all that it desired to do. But your Board believes that it has aided in bringing to the attention of our pastors, teachers, and laymen the danger that lurks in the ordinary run of books crowding the market today and in suggesting to our many readers such books as they might use without injury to their moral and spiritual welfare. The books recommended by your Board are offered for sale by our Concordia Publishing House, and their titles are published in its catalog under the special head of "Catalog of Adult and Juvenile Literature." In passing, we suggest that in future this title may be changed to "Catalog of Literature for Young People and Adults."

Also during the past triennium your Board has met in regular sessions to consider books and manuscripts submitted for examination. Owing to depressions and recessions, the special book market which we serve has been rather quiet, so that your Board has not read as many books as during the first years of its existence; nor has it found it necessary to fill the vacancy created by the death of Rev. A. G. Merz in 1934. Your Board has divided the work among the four present members and has been able to do whatever task was assigned to it. Though its work was somewhat limited, the existence of the Board is still warranted; indeed, in the future the

Young People's Literature Board may be able to serve Synod still more than it has in the past. We recommend therefore that it be continued and asked to function in the same capacity as in the past.

More and more our Board is serving not only members of our own synod but also outsiders, and more and more manuscripts are being submitted to us for examination by non-Lutheran writers. We are genuinely glad thus to serve ever larger circles of Christians who desire for their young people a literature that is truly Christian. Unfortunately we do not know from what sources to obtain such Christian and wholesome books. Of the numerous manuscripts submitted to us practically all contain some features which render them undesirable for dissemination in our circles, and even Christian publishing houses that boast of the thoroughly Christian character of their publications often permit books to go out which cannot be read by young people without harm to their souls. We find in all this a problem that is hard to solve, and yet, more than in the past, our pastors, teachers, and parents must supervise and guide the reading of our young people. We are living in godless times, when evolutionism, Modernism, and atheism find many defenders among authors of note, and the devastating influence of their unsound writings is something that ought to fill every friend of the Christian faith and purity with anxiety. The whole matter ought to be studied and discussed throughout our Synod to the end that we may guard our youth against the venom endangering them in vicious books. We hope that this vexing question may be squarely brought to the attention of our Synod.

The chairman of your Board will be in attendance at the convention and will be glad to give further information and receive suggestions.

As in the past, we again submit a number of recommendations:

1. That the Young People's Literature Board continue to serve Synod as in the past, doing all that is in its power to foster the cause of good reading-matter and its spread in our Church;

2. That Concordia Publishing House receive the thanks of Synod for its fine cooperation in the work of your Board;

3. That our pastors, teachers, and laymen be encouraged to support the work by ordering such books as Concordia Publishing House offers for sale;

4. That still more than in the past Lutheran authors of the Synodical Conference be encouraged to submit manuscripts of value and interest to your Board in order that in the course of time we may have our own Christian writers to give us the stories we desire and to compete with godless authors, whose literary products are unfit for use in our schools and homes;

5. That the problem of sound reading-matter be studied by our pastoral and teachers' conferences, so that your Board may have also their valuable cooperation and enjoy their constructive criticism;

6. That our churches be urged to do still more than they have done in the past in placing at the disposal of their young people good school and Sunday-school libraries, so that they may acquire a taste for sound and Christian books.

Respectfully submitted by

J. Theodore Mueller, *Chairman*
George Luecke, Jr., *Secretary*

Action of Synod: Upon recommendation of *Committee 11* the six *recommendations* of the above report were *adopted.*

Vote of Thanks

Upon *recommendation of Committee 11 Synod resolved* to express its appreciation to the Publishing House Board, the General Literature Board, and the Young People's Literature Board.

Reproduction of Synodical Essays in English

(Memorial 616)

The College Conference of Milwaukee, Wis., presents the following matter for your serious consideration.

During the past ninety years God has showered His gifts on our Synod. One of these has been the great number of excellent doctrinal essays presented at synodical conventions. By the grace of God these essays, in a large measure, helped to indoctrinate the Church. They are, however, no longer available to any extent, since relatively few people can afford to purchase them, and many of them are out of print. Furthermore, our present generation of pastors and educated laymen prefers to read English.

On the other hand, there is a woeful lack of sound theological literature in the English language, which has caused a dangerously wide dissemination of Reformed literature in our circles. We feel that one of the best contributions towards the centennial of Synod's founding would be a reproduction of the most valuable of these synodical essays in the English language. At present we still have a number of men with sufficient command of both languages to do this work well. This would provide our Church with a great amount of sound Lutheran literature. If this venture is successful, other material, as in *Lehre und Wehre* and *Der Lutheraner,* could be made accessible in English.

Two plans may be suggested to accomplish the suggested

undertaking. The District Presidents might be asked to choose the subjects treated in the old German essays for the doctrinal discussions for the District meetings between now and 1947. The essayists would be asked to make a thorough study of the old essays and embody as much as possible in their papers. A committee of the College of Presidents could work out the details.

If this plan is not desirable or feasible, the General Literature Board or some other body designated by Synod might be instructed to engage a competent man to do this work, as was done in the publication of the *Popular Commentary.* With the advice of the St. Louis faculty this man would select the material and reproduce the contents in English; he should not be bound to give a translation in every case and might often combine the material contained in several essays. The material reproduced could then be arranged topically and be published in several volumes, perhaps on the subscription plan.

If neither of these plans is accepted, a third might be discovered. We are not concerned about any particular method, but are anxious to have these gifts of God preserved and made available to us and our children.

Yours sincerely,

E. A. DUEMLING, *Chairman*
P. G. WINDISCH, *Secretary*

On this matter *Committee 11* submitted the following *resolution:*

WHEREAS, The reproduction of synodical essays in English is highly desirable; and

WHEREAS, This work is included in the program of our General Literature Board; therefore be it

Resolved, That we refer this matter to the General Literature Board and urge it to continue to make such material accessible in English in the most feasible way.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Publication of a Monthly Mission-Paper

(Memorial 617)

Committee 11 considered Memorial 617 regarding the publication of a monthly mission-paper and submitted the following *resolution:*

WHEREAS, The publication of the *Missionstaube* and the *Pioneer* has been discontinued because of insufficient patronage; and

WHEREAS, Such mission material is now being published in the *Lutheraner* and in the *Witness;* and

WHEREAS, Synod's Publicity Director supplies us with an abundant amount of such material; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod decline the request of this memorial.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Publication of New Hymnal

Report of the Committee on Hymnology and Liturgics

(Separately printed Memorial 13)

Your Committee on English Hymnology and Liturgics, appointed by Dr. F. Pfotenhauer in pursuance of a resolution passed by the Delegate Synod of 1929 and instructed to prepare a new English hymnal, has completed its work sufficiently to be able to present a comprehensive report at this time. As this committee's work has been done in conjunction with representatives of the various sister synods in the Synodical Conference, in compliance with the resolution of 1929, for the purpose of preparing a common hymnal for the entire Synodical Conference, this report is really that of the Intersynodical Committee on Hymnology and Liturgics and will be presented by the other representatives to their respective synods in due time.

May we repeat at the outset the general guiding principles underlying our work on the selection of hymns and hymn translations and tunes:

1. *Hymns*
   a) Must be distinctively Christian in character.
   b) Must be of intrinsic value as to form and content.
2. *Translations*
   a) Must be faithful renderings of the originals.
   b) Must be in fluent, idiomatic English.
3. *Tunes*
   a) Must be suited to the text.
   b) Must be good church music. (Exceptions may be made in such cases as have text and tune associated so intimately as to be almost inseparable.)

We should further emphasize the fact that from the start your Committee has drawn into consultation, and received the cooperation of, a large number of competent men from the various synods of the Synodical Conference. In addition, the response to our periodical reports has been very general, and the suggestions and criticisms that were sent in by conferences, pastors, teachers, laymen, and lay women have been very helpful.

We have now progressed far enough in our work to prepare the entire manuscript for the press. This preparation will mean a careful going over of all texts in the light of the criticisms and suggestions that have been received and that are still coming in. We shall allow another three months for such comments and then proceed with the final preparation for publication. God willing, the new hymnal could then possibly be published some time during the year 1939. We have received an increasing number of requests from congregations and conferences that no time be lost in the publication of the new hymnal, as many have postponed purchasing and repairing books in anticipation of its appearance.

We further suggest that the *tune edition* of the new hymnal, as outlined hereinafter, be the authentic edition and that for day- and Sunday-schools a less expensive tune edition (unabridged) be published by using cheaper paper and stiff-paper covers. Such a practise is common in some circles. We also suggest that Synod authorize Concordia Publishing House to offer the authentic edition at the lowest possible price and to take our present hymnal in trade at a reasonable allowance. As the younger generation is receiving excellent training in singing and note-reading, and as many of our people prefer to sing from the tune edition, we suggest that our congregations be encouraged to purchase this edition for church use.

In the selection of tunes for the various hymns we did not only bear in mind that they should be good church music and suited to the text, but we have also, where desirable, considered general usage. The hymn-books of practically all leading church denominations have been consulted and compared to see what tunes are used for the different hymns. Some good tunes have been tentatively dropped because they are not in common use, although they are found in many hymnals ("Geduld, die soll'n wir haben," "Christ lag in Todesbanden," "Tallis Canon," and others). That a tune is found in many hymnals does not always mean that it also is in common use. One or the other of these may still be substituted, especially in cases where a tune is used for more than one hymn, or it may be placed in the rear of the book, possibly without a text, as is done in some hymnals. Other good tunes, not in our present hymn-book ("Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn," "Hannover," "Ellacombe," and others), may be included in a similar manner.

In the liturgical section of the hymnal we have made only minor changes in the Morning, Evening, and Matins services, but we are offering additional settings for the chants because of the many requests that have come to us to do so. We propose that these chant settings be placed in the rear of the book, as indicated hereinafter.

These pages can readily be put into a special booklet for the organists' use by Concordia Publishing House.

We direct attention to the fact that your Committee has tentatively dropped 74 hymns from the present hymn-book, some of inferior worth, others seldom used, in order to make room for other hymns. We have tentatively accepted 166 new hymns, many of them Lutheran gems not previously used in English in our circles; others are hymns from other sources, old and new, of acknowledged merit.

We further propose that a section entitled "Children's Songs" be placed at the end of the body of hymns. A perusal of the titles given hereinafter under that heading will show that this arrangement is suggested in order to make the book more suitable for use also in our church-schools.

We consider it important to ask Synod to recommend this new hymn-book to all our congregations for use also in day-schools and Sunday-schools in order that our coming generations may from childhood learn to appreciate our treasury of precious hymns.

It will be noted hereinafter that we intend to include also the Augsburg Confession, Luther's Small Catechism, the Passion-story, and, the same as in the present edition, a Short Form for Emergency Baptism. Besides the indexes we now have we shall add a topical index and one each of authors, composers, and translations, with brief biographical notes. Every hymn will be given with its tune, even if some tunes are printed oftener than once. A large number of requests have come to us to place the entire text between the musical staves. In spite of long and careful consideration we have as yet been unable to reach a decision on this point.

We suggest the following order of material in the new hymn-book:

1. Table of Contents and Rubrics
2. Prayers: On Entering Church and Leaving Church
   Before Communion and After Communion
   For Morning and Evening
   For the Sick and Dying
3. The Liturgy: Collects, etc., Psalms
4. The Hymns
5. Doxologies
6. Chant Settings
7. Children's Songs (Carols and Spiritual Songs)
8. Augsburg Confession
   Small Catechism
   Passion-story
9. Table of Festivals
   Table of Lessons
   Table for Computation of Easter
   Bible-readings for the Year

10. Indexes: Tunes Alphabetical
Tunes Metrical
Authors (date of birth and death; calling; denomination; hymns by numbers)
Composers (ditto)
Translators (grouped according to languages)
Topical Index
Index of First Lines
11. Short Form for Emergency Baptism (on last page)

We hope that by the use of the proper paper, thin but not allowing the type on the other side to show through, the new hymn-book will not bulk any larger than the present one.

We now offer the material to be included in the new hymn-book, also the new title, exclusive of the Introits, Collects, Psalms, tables, indexes, etc., and with the hymns placed alphabetically under a slightly revised series of rubrics. Our previously published reports are necessarily supplementary as well as the supplement given at the conclusion of this report. The numbers before the hymns are those of our present hymn-book. Those in parentheses, after the first line, are the numbers of our manuscript pages. Where more than one tune is suggested, the first choice will be given with the text, the second as reference below the hymn in parentheses. Where two tunes are suggested, both will be given with the text.

NOTE. — The material mentioned in this paragraph is omitted in the *Proceedings* because it is assumed that these suggestions have been sent to all pastors and teachers for their reaction.

THE COMMITTEE ON HYMNOLOGY AND LITURGICS
W. G. POLACK, *Chairman*

Report of Committee 12:

Your Committee on the Hymn-book (No. 12), having carefully considered the pertinent overtures, 608–611 and 615, together with a number of unprinted memorials and letters, also together with a report of the Committee on Hymnology and Liturgics, and having heard all parties interested, herewith presents the following recommendations for the approval of Synod:

No. 1. That Synod express its grateful appreciation of the faithful and efficient work of the Committee on Hymnology and Liturgics.

No. 2. That the Committee be instructed to continue its work and to bring it to the best possible conclusion.

No. 3. That all the members of Synod who still have specific and definite criticisms, emendations, and other suggestions to offer, in order to receive consideration, do so prior to January 1, 1939, which is to be the closing date.

No. 4. That the liturgical part of the hymn-book receive special consideration throughout.

No. 5. That the Committee, before publishing the new hymn-book, issue an advance copy of the text, with the tunes indicated, and give due consideration to all criticisms and suggestions received within three months after the advance copy has been mailed to all pastors and teachers of Synod.

No. 6. That the Committee thereupon be empowered to order the publishing of the new hymn-book.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

Catechism Matters

Report on the English Translation of Luther's Small Catechism

(Memorial 604; cf. Unprinted Memorial 35)

Within the synods of the Synodical Conference there are at present in use three or more English translations of Luther's Small Catechism. As it was deemed advisable to have a uniform translation, committees were appointed to revise the Small Catechism with this end in view.

In May, 1937, a preliminary draft was submitted to the pastors and teachers of the Synodical Conference for examination and criticism. A large number of suggestions were sent in, which were at first carefully considered by the respective subcommittees of the cooperating synods. Then, in a later meeting of the joint committee, held at Thiensville, Wis., on March 21 and 22, the entire matter was once more thoroughly discussed.

It is impossible to give in a brief report all the reasons for each suggested change; but the Committee hopes that the present form will find general favor and acceptance.

Members of the Committee

Norwegian Synod: John Moldstad.
Wisconsin Synod: Arnold Koelpin, William Sauer, August Zich.
Missouri Synod: Albert H. Miller, E. A. W. Koehler.

(Here follow in the report, as found on pp. 195-203 of *Reports and Memorials,* the Six Chief Parts of Luther's Catechism in the form recommended by this committee.)

On this report and on Unprinted Overture 35 *Committee 13* submitted the following *resolution:*

Your Committee begs leave to direct the attention of the convention to the fact that Synod has not authorized a new translation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism in conjunction with the other synods of the Synodical Conference.

After thorough deliberation your Committee respectfully presents the following resolution for adoption:

Resolved, That the translation of Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism as contained in the English version of our Synodical Catechism shall remain unchanged.

The following are the considerations which prompt us to make this recommendation:

1. Our people have become accustomed to the present translation.

2. Since Dr. Martin Luther's Small Catechism is a part of our confessional writings which stand through the ages, its language also should not be changed unless absolutely necessary.

3. Having two translations in use in our Synod would cause much confusion.

4. The advantages of using a uniform Small Catechism throughout the Synodical Conference do not convince us of the necessity of a change in our own translation.

5. There seems to be no general demand in our own Synod for a new translation.

6. The present translation, with a few minor exceptions, is the translation contained in our English edition of the *Book of Concord.*

In conclusion we present the following resolution adopted by the 1935 convention for reaffirmation on the part of this body:

Resolved, That Synod declare its disapproval of the publication and circulation of unauthorized catechisms in its midst. (*Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Regular Convention of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States,* p. 241.)

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Report of the Catechism Committee

(Memorial 605; cf. Memorials 606-608)

Since the last convention, held in Cleveland in 1935, your Committee has lost the valuable services of three of its members. Rev. H. J. Bouman and Prof. Th. Laetsch resigned because of ill health, and Rev. E. F. Haertel departed this life to be with his Lord. Prof. Alb. H. Miller of River Forest was appointed by President J. W. Behnken, D. D., to serve in the place of Rev. Haertel.

Revision of the Synodical Catechism

In compliance with your resolution we have caused the proof-print of the revision of the Catechism to be sent to all pastors and teachers of Synod. Unfortunately the printing and mailing was

delayed for two months. We were thus deprived of the time necessary for careful proof-reading.

Despite the fact that only about five weeks of a very busy season were given our pastors and teachers for consideration of the proof-print, many of our brethren made a very careful study of it and sent us their suggestions for further improvement of the Catechism. We are deeply indebted to them for their painstaking labors and especially for the cordial and cheering tone of their communications. They deserve our most sincere gratitude for their kindness, assistance, and encouragement. It is a matter of deep concern to us that we could not find the time to act upon the many requests for reply.

The overwhelming number of communications shows that the revision has the approval of most of our pastors and teachers. Some brethren approve of it very enthusiastically; others also approve of it but desire to have certain additions, omissions, or alterations made.

The bold-faced type used for emphasis has met with the generous approval of nearly all our brethren. Copious illustrations and graphs, a glossary, an index, additional prayers, etc., are requested.

The brief essays "Dr. Martin Luther" and "The Synodical Conference" are considered a valuable addition by many pastors and teachers. However, the suggestion is made by some brethren that these be omitted from the Catechism and printed in tract form suitable for insertion in the Catechism and that these tracts be furnished gratis with every Catechism. This suggestion has its merits and deserves consideration.

Your Committee now asks for more time to complete the task assigned to it. Following are the reasons.

1. The proof-print is not to be considered as having the final form in which it is to be presented to Synod for adoption. It was our purpose to get the reactions of our pastors and teachers and to be guided by their reactions in our further efforts to produce a revision which would be acceptable. The suggestions have now been tabulated and should be carefully considered. The latter cannot be accomplished before Synod meets in June of this year.

2. Some brethren have asked that action upon the revision be deferred in order that they may have opportunity to study it carefully and even to try it out in their work.

3. The revised Catechism will probably be in use for many years to come; it should therefore be as good a Catechism as can be produced to meet the needs of our present generation.

4. Our revision has been prepared on the basis of the old trans-

lation. However, a subcommittee has met with representatives of the other bodies constituting the Synodical Conference in an effort to prepare a uniform translation of Luther's Small Catechism. This subcommittee will present its own report to Synod. The adoption of the new translation would in itself necessitate the grant of additional time to make the revised Catechism agree with the new translation.

We furthermore ask that Synod authorize your Committee to have another proof-print sent to all pastors and teachers before its final adoption.

The Elementary Catechism

The Elementary Catechism is in course of preparation. Since this is an unusual book and difficult to write, we recommend that Synod authorize a *temporary edition.* The reason for this is that the book should be thoroughly tried out in schools, Sunday-schools, and other agencies as well as in the homes before its final revision and adoption by Synod. The book could at first be issued in inexpensive pamphlet form, a chief part at a time, in order to get the reactions from the field. It would be submitted in complete form to the synodical convention in 1941 for adoption. We have no precedent to go by. The members of our Committee feel that they cannot pass final judgment or advise in just what form the Elementary Catechism should be written; but we do believe that a trial edition, actually used with children, will help greatly to establish the proper form as well as language and content. The first draft of the first three chief parts has been made.

Respectfully submitted,
RICHARD NEITZEL, *Chairman*

Committee 13 considered Memorials 604–608 and presented for adoption the following *resolutions:*

1. *Resolved,* That Synod express its gratitude to the Catechism Committee for its faithful and painstaking work covering a period of nine years.

2. *Resolved,* That the Catechism Committee be given more time to complete its task, as requested by the committee itself.

3. *Resolved,* That the Catechism Committee be empowered to publish, and mail out, another proof-print of the projected new Synodical Catechism or a supplement to the present report.

4. *Resolved,* That this report of the Catechism Committee be mailed out not later than June, 1940.

5. *Resolved,* That Synod defray the expenses of the Catechism Committee, including the cost of the proof-print and of such meetings as may become necessary.

6. *Resolved,* That the proposed appendix be dropped from the Catechism and that it be published in pamphlet or booklet form, to be furnished together with the Catechism whenever desired.

7. *Resolved,* That the regular Synodical Catechism shall contain no illustrations.

8. *Resolved,* That in the publication of the Elementary Catechism the Catechism Committee proceed according to its own recommendations, given in its report in *Reports and Memorials,* page 205.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

The request of Memorial 607 to have the *Augsburg Confession appended to the Catechism* was taken care of in connection with the report of the General Literature Board, where it was resolved to have Concordia Publishing House place the Augsburg Confession on the market in a penny edition.

VIII. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Report of the Board of Directors

(Memorial 701)

With due recognition and appreciation of the guiding and blessing of God during the past three years your Board of Directors herewith begs leave to submit its triennial report covering the period from June, 1935, to June, 1938. During this time twenty-two meetings were held, some extending over two days or more. The minutes of all these meetings are kept on file by the Secretary, while copies are sent to all members of the Board as well as to the Vice-Presidents of Synod.

Organization. — The following officers and committees were elected by the Board: Chairman, President J. W. Behnken; Secretary, Rev. M. F. Kretzmann; Treasurer and Legacy Officer, Dr. E. Seuel; Committee on Colleges, Mr. W. Schlueter, chairman, Mr. Henry W. Horst, and Pastor P. Schulz; Committee on Finances: President J. W. Behnken, Dr. E. Seuel, and Mr. A. H. Ahlbrand. The following Synodical Finance Committee was appointed: Pastor P. Schulz, President J. Schinnerer, President J. C. Meyer, and Mr. A. H. Ahlbrand. Because of the financial side of missionary work which presents problems for the Board of Directors to handle, it was decided that our former Committee on Missions be continued, with Pastor Schulz as chairman, who as such also censored the publications of the Publicity Department. An In-

vestment Committee and a Fiduciary Committee were appointed by the Board, the former consisting of the Messrs. Louis H. Waltke, Richard Waltke, R. H. Leonhardt, W. H. Schlueter, and Emil Harms, the latter of Messrs. Richard Borrenpohl, Ewald Schuettner, and Chas. J. Burde. When Mr. Borrenpohl resigned from the committee after serving the greater part of the term, the Board appointed Mr. L. Tirmenstein in his place. Much work was done by special committees appointed from time to time.

The following paragraphs show how the Board has tried to perform its duties according to the *Handbook* and to carry out the specific instructions of the last convention of Synod.

A. Financial Matters

The Board of Directors is charged in the *Handbook* with the general management and supervision of all business affairs of the Synod. In the first part of our report we therefore refer to matters that are of a financial nature and are placed by Synod into the hands of the Board.

1. *The Budget.* — The last Synod charged the Fiscal Conference, of which the Board of Directors is a part, "with the responsibility of balancing Synod's budget as nearly as may be reasonably possible." Accordingly the budget was carefully set up, and we are glad to say that it could be slightly increased from year to year to meet the requirements of our work in an amount which we considered an attainable goal. The most necessary requirements were met, and the deficit was reduced from $675,487.20 in the beginning of 1935 to $614,687.19 at the close of 1937. For this we are duly thankful to the Lord of the Church, who has made the hearts of our people willing to maintain the work, though there was little expansion. Since the deficit was caused by the fact that some of our larger Districts fell far short of raising their apportionment, it was our endeavor to help these brethren to follow the leadership of other Districts and to produce better results by following better methods. Therefore as much personal contact as possible was maintained with the various Districts. Since the liberality of Mr. Louis H. Waltke made it possible for all Visitors of our Districts to attend the Fiscal Conference in River Forest in the fall of 1936, these important officials of Synod were given a helpful insight into the finances of Synod and the making of the budget. At the Fiscal Conference in 1937 another large group of guests could be present as guests of Mr. Louis H. Waltke, namely, the members of the District Centennial Committees. For details as to finances we respectfully refer Synod to the annual reports of our Treasurer, particularly his triennial report submitted to this convention. It is to be acknowledged that our members have been willing to loan Synod the necessary money at little or no interest, so that the deficit was covered without going to the banks for loans.

2. *Synodical Trust Funds.* — The last Synod instructed the Board of Directors, the Special Board of the Lutheran Laymen's League Endowment Fund collaborating, to study Synod's entire trust business in all its phases, "with a view to developing a plan or scheme for holding in trust, controlling, managing, investing, and conserving all synodical trust funds" (*Proceedings, 1935,* p. 282). After several joint meetings of the two boards the regulations for the new Board of Trustees for Synod's Trust Funds were adopted. (Cf. under "Constitutional Matters.") On February 2, 1937, your Board appointed the following members on this new board: Mr. F. C. Pritzlaff for a term of one year; Messrs. Paul Schulze and John A. Sauermann for a term of two years; Messrs. W. H. Schlueter and Richard Waltke for a term of three years, and President J. W. Behnken. In a joint meeting of the old and the new board the former Special Board wound up its affairs and turned over the L. L. L. Endowment Fund to the new Board of Trustees. Rules and regulations governing the investment of Synod's trust funds were adopted.

3. *Pensions.* — Synod instructed the Board of Directors to appoint an Advisory Pension Committee, which, together with the Board of Support, was to institute a pension system for our servants of the Word. (*Proceedings 1935,* p. 289.) The following men accepted their appointment on this committee: Rev. F. A. Hertwig, Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim, Teacher Theo. M. Kosche, and Messrs. Geo. Weigle and Richard Borrenpohl. The plan worked out by the Board of Support and the Advisory Committee was first approved in general by the Board of Directors and the College of Presidents, as required by synodical resolution; and since a number of adjustments had to be made from time to time, a Pension Committee of the Board was appointed to confer with the Pension Board. It was agreed that the Pension Fund is to be kept separate from the Support Fund; that the L. L. L. Endowment Fund be kept intact and its income used in accordance with the original intention and agreement, at least for the present; and that, according to the opinion of our attorney, it would be better to begin operations under our synodical charter rather than to effect a separate incorporation of the Board of Support and Pensions. At the suggestions of the Board of Directors the Fiscal Conference in 1937 appropriated the necessary funds to put the Pension Plan into operation as far as the men salaried by Synod are concerned. The Board also resolved to pay the proportionate share toward the pensions of those of our clergy who are directly

employed by the Board. The question of making pension provisions for laymen on the pay-roll of Synod was discussed, but at present we are awaiting the outcome of proposed legislation affecting the employees of religious bodies.

4. *Salaries.* — Salaries paid by Synod had been cut 25 per cent., as reported to the last Synod. This worked a hardship in many cases. A number of professors were compelled to ask for special assistance. A questionnaire was therefore sent out to all faculties regarding the situation of the individual professors in order to bring about a fair temporary adjustment. The answers to this questionnaire convinced the Board all the more of the wisdom and even necessity of at least a partial restoration of salaries. Upon the recommendation of our Board the Fiscal Conference in 1937 made provision in the 1938 budget for a restoration of salaries up to 90 per cent. of the basic amount. This went into effect on February 1, 1938.

5. *Church Extension Matters.* — Under consultation with the Church Extension Board it was decided to grant a loan of $15,000 for the new church at Rio de Janeiro to the Brazil District, this arrangement having been made personally by Pastor Schulz in connection with his visit to South America rather than to have a loan made to the Mission Board. (*Proceedings 1935,* p. 152.) The Board was much concerned about the arrears in repayments to the Church Extension Fund. In order to get early action in this matter, an agreement was reached with the Church Extension Board to send out a man in the interest of collecting or refinancing such loans.

6. *Centennial Collection.* — In connection with the plans for a proper celebration of the Saxon Immigration Centennial the Board inaugurated a Preconvention Debt Collection Thank-offering. A committee was appointed, with Pastor Barth as chairman, to approach members of Synod who could and would contribute larger sums, $1,000 being considered the desirable minimum, to wipe out the deficit in our treasury before the real celebration of the anniversary begins. As to a fitting thank-offering in connection with the centennial proper it was decided to submit the following recommendations to Synod. We recommend that

"a) The Board of Directors be authorized and instructed to inaugurate a nation-wide Centennial Thank-offering in the amount of one million dollars.

"b) Each District of Synod may retain one-third (33⅓ per cent.) of the moneys raised by it for the Centennial Thank-offering, the sum thus retained to be used for the Expansion of Missions within its territory.

"c) The remaining two thirds (66⅔ per cent.) shall be remitted to Synod. Out of these funds the expenses of the Centennial Thank-offering collection shall be paid. The balance shall constitute the Centennial Thank-offering Fund, which fund shall be invested by the Board of Trustees for Synod's Trust Funds, the earnings of which fund shall be added to, and become a part of, the principal of the fund.

"d) This Centennial Thank-offering Fund is to be used for the Expansion of Missions at home and abroad, systematically planned for an extended period of time. (The term Expansion of Missions shall include the exploration of potential mission territories, the establishment and manning of new mission-stations, the acquisition of parsonages and teachers' residences. Any proprietary interests resulting from such operations shall automatically become those of the respective District.)

"e) The Board of Directors of Synod shall request every mission department to prepare and develop a program of expansion. These several programs are to be integrated by the Board of Directors into a systematically planned Mission Expansion program and submitted to the Fiscal Conference for endorsement.

"f) The Fiscal Conference shall be, and it is hereby, authorized to make annual allocations from the Centennial Thank-offering Fund for the purpose of conducting the planned Mission Expansion program. Such allocations shall not in any one year exceed ten per cent. (10 per cent.) of the balance in the Centennial Thank-offering Fund. These allocations shall be used for new Mission Expansion projects and, in succeeding years, for new and previously undertaken Mission Expansion projects. (Such a carefully planned Mission Expansion program would, under ordinary circumstances, make the undertaking of projects which would later become a burden or debt improbable if not impossible.)

"g) This Mission Expansion program or any detail thereof may be amended by the Fiscal Conference at any time."

7. *Expenses of College of Presidents and Fiscal Conference.* — Upon the request of the College of Presidents our Board decided to pay the expenses of the 1937 meetings of the College of Presidents and the Fiscal Conference rather than to let the individual Districts assume this expense, since these meetings are held by order of Synod. We should like to have a ruling of Synod in this matter as a fixed policy for the future.

8. *Cooperation of Districts.* — A committee was appointed to study the lack of the whole-hearted and systematic cooperation of Districts of Synod in bearing our financial burdens. This committee found it necessary to reemphasize the principles laid down

in our Constitution that the Districts are not autonomous and independent bodies but that they are rather parts of Synod, which is the parent body, and that therefore the Districts are subordinated to the Synod and should whole-heartedly support all the activities of Synod also with regard to the collection of contributions. We respectfully call the attention of Synod to this matter.

9. *Appropriations Committee.* — Your Board of Directors recommends to Synod to abolish the former Appropriations Committee, since the duties of this committee now devolve upon the Fiscal Conference or any committee or committees appointed for this purpose by the Fiscal Conference, which is charged with the duty of fixing the budget. (*Proceedings 1935,* p. 291.) However, the Synodical Finance Committee which the last Synod authorized the Board of Directors to appoint can well be enlarged and help the President and other synodical officers in carrying on the joint work of our Districts and congregations as far as finances are concerned.

10. *Legacies.* — Your Board of Directors, in its capacity as Legacy Board, had many legacies and bequests to administer. Synod will surely welcome such larger donations made in the last will and testament of its members.

11. *Peoria Property.* — A synodical resolution is necessary to remove a flaw in the title to the property of the former Children's Friend Society of Peoria, now conveyed to the Addison Home. We suggest that the following resolution be passed:

"WHEREAS, Frank Meyer and Mary Meyer, his wife, late of the State of Illinois, did, by warranty deed, convey certain described real estate in the City of Peoria, State of Illinois, to the Evangelical Lutheran Kinderfreund Society of Illinois, a corporation; and

"WHEREAS, The said warranty deed contained a reverter clause, which clause provided that, should the said Kinderfreund Society cease to use the said real estate for charitable purposes, then and in that event title to the said real estate should immediately vest in the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States; and

"WHEREAS, The said Kinderfreund Society has ceased to use the said real estate for charitable purposes and has conveyed title to the said real estate to the said Synod; and

"WHEREAS, The Evangelical Lutheran Orphan Home at Addison, Illinois, a corporation, has taken over the charitable objects of the said Kinderfreund Society and has assumed the duties and obligations in connection therewith; and

"WHEREAS, Because of these and other considerations the Board of Directors of the said Synod has conveyed to the said Orphan Home the title to the said real estate; therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That the action of the said Board of Directors in conveying to the said Orphan Home the title to the said real estate be, and the same is, hereby ratified."

12. *Statistician.* — Members of Synod everywhere have mourned the death of our faithful Statistician and Chronologist, the Rev. E. Eckhardt. The vacancy has been filled temporarily; but the Board of Directors recommends to Synod to make these two offices appointive instead of elective and to change its regulations accordingly.

B. Education and Educational Institutions

The Board of Directors is the successor to the former General Board of Control *(Allgemeine Aufsichtsbehoerde).* It is therefore to exercise general supervision over all our seminaries and colleges and must keep in close touch with the local boards of control, who are directly in charge of the institutions but are held to give reports to the general board, in some matters being bound to get the consent of the Board of Directors before taking final action. We therefore submit in the following a report on the educational policies in which we have an interest from the financial angle, as well as on action that had to be taken affecting the various educational institutions.

I. General Educational Policies

1) *Opening Our Schools to Non-ministerial Students. Coeducation.* — Synod itself has lowered the tuition for such students at our colleges as are not intending to prepare for the work of the Church. This seems to lend encouragement to those who would definitely go beyond the former policy of Synod, which was to accept also non-ministerial students who are satisfied to take the same courses which the ministerial students are taking. It is evident that many members of Synod think we should make use of the partly empty buildings at some of our institutions to admit those, also girls, who do not intend to serve the Church directly but would get a Christian higher education in various branches of learning. When such requests came to us as to admit girls to take part in the educational facilities of our institutions, we were conscious of the fact that the Committee on Higher Education is to study these questions and that Synod alone can make this change in its policies. But your Board as such is also interested in this matter from the financial angle. We therefore discussed the situation with the chairman of the Committee on Higher Edu-

cation, Vice-President Grueber, and came to the conclusion that, after this matter was discussed at the Fiscal Conference in the fall of 1937, the President of Synod should submit this whole question, which involves not only a definite change in the educational policy of Synod but which affects also our finances, to the pastors' and teachers' conferences, so that both sides of the question might be given due consideration before the convention. We commend this whole matter to the careful and prayerful consideration of Synod.

2) *Accreditation.* — The last Synod decided that the question of accreditation must be left to future development. (*Proceedings 1935,* p. 38.) Although this matter is also in the hands of the Committee on Higher Education, the Board realizes that the accreditation of our schools would involve considerable expense. Viewing the matter from this angle, the Board appointed a Committee on Accreditation, which sent out a questionnaire, in collaboration with the Committee on Higher Education, the replies to which should be studied by both committees. This matter is still under consideration.

3) *Student Welfare Work.* — The question came before us whether Synod itself or some organization within Synod should finance the work of the Committee for Student Welfare. The Board held that, since Synod elects this committee, its work should also be under Synod's supervision and should be financed by Synod. The budget of this committee at present amounts to $1,000 annually, which was granted by the Board of Directors.

4) *Valparaiso Advisory Committee.* — According to the instructions of Synod the Board again appointed a committee (Pastor M. F. Kretzmann, Pastor O. Fedder, and Mr. Ed. Tatge), which sat in with the Valparaiso University Board in an advisory capacity. It is, just as definitely as ever, our conviction, since the university is supported by our people and gives us the assurance that the spiritual welfare of our young people is safeguarded in every way according to our Christian and Lutheran principles, that a close cooperation between the university and Synod must be maintained, in the interest of both.*

II. Synod's Educational Institutions in General

1) *Relation to the Local Boards of Control.* — The Board of Directors is glad to go on record as saying that its dealings with the various college boards have been very harmonious and that a splendid spirit of cooperation prevails. It is hard to conceive of

* The Advisory Committee will submit an unprinted report to Synod.

more consecrated groups of workers than our local boards, which devote their time and talents to the interests of our educational institutions unstintingly. However, the regulations in the *Handbook* governing the work of your Board of Directors in its relation to the local boards are in many cases obsolete or contradictory. We have an understanding with the Committee on Constitutional Matters that a thorough revision of the *Handbook* should be ordered by Synod at this convention; but the rules referred to in this paragraph are of such importance to us that we have asked a committee to revise them according to our experience and submit them to this convention of Synod for ratification that they might immediately go into effect. A report of this committee will be submitted in an unprinted overture.

2) *College Libraries and Laboratories.* — Owing to lack of funds the important and even necessary annual appropriations for libraries and laboratories could not be paid out during the last years. Even the appropriation made by the last Synod for the St. Louis Seminary library in the amount of $1,000 annually could not be granted, Synod having made it a stringent rule for the Board of Directors to practise the strictest economy. However, when the Committee on Higher Education found a definite lack of books on social and scientific subjects, such as are required by the new curriculum and therefore recommended that up to $150 be allowed for this purpose for our twelve colleges, this was done. On our recommendation the Fiscal Conference made the necessary provision in the 1938 budget, so that 75 per cent. of the former library and laboratory allowances will be paid out this year, which amount to $6,600.

3) *College Repairs.* — In accordance with the synodical resolution of 1935 that "all repairs at our institutions be defrayed out of the synodical treasury," your Board of Directors, through its Committee on Colleges, has endeavored to keep our many college properties in as good condition as the funds at hand permitted. In this connection we again express our appreciation of the cooperation of our college boards. We find it a highly satisfactory arrangement that many repairs and improvements were carried out with student labor.

4) *Fire Insurance.* — The question of insuring our college buildings was left to the Board of Directors by the last Synod for further study. Your Board of Directors favors the plan of setting aside $25,000 annually to build up an insurance reserve fund; but the Fiscal Conference could not see its way clear to include such a sum in the budget. The question will have to be left in abeyance, unless Synod wishes to act in the matter.

5) *Synodical Building Fund.* — The following disbursements require the approval of Synod, which we respectfully request:

1. Bronxville, 1935: Sewer Assessment	$ 431.98
2. Bronxville, 1936: Sewer Assessment	464.08
3. Bronxville, 1937: Sewer Assessment	439.39
4. Bronxville: Storage Building	2,433.89
5. Bronxville: Heating-plant Extension	4,651.00
6. Edmonton, 1935: Improvement Taxes	61.02
7. Edmonton, 1936: Improvement Taxes	338.98
8. Edmonton, 1937: Improvement Taxes	190.47
9. River Forest: Street-lighting Assessment	587.88
10. St. Paul: Organ	350.00
11. St. Paul: Stoker	1,423.35
12. Seward: Stokers	3,020.40
13. Note Canceled *	1,000.00
14. *Total*	$15,392.44

III. Matters Pertaining to Particular Institutions

1) *Conover.* — Synod left the disposition of the *property* of the closed institution at Conover to the proposed Southeastern District or, if this District was not organized, to the English District, with the proviso that the money realized from its sale be placed by the respective District into its Church Extension Fund. (*Proceedings 1935,* p. 71 and 146 f.) Before signing a deed for the sale of any part of this property, the Board consulted with the officials of the English District. Thus most of the property has been sold, and the proceeds have been credited to the Church Extension Fund of the English District. — As to the former *professors* at Conover, your Board kept in mind the resolution of Synod that "the brethren be provided for by Synod in keeping with the principles of Christian love." Their salary was therefore paid to them, with necessary adjustments, until they found an opportunity to enter the service of the Church elsewhere. Two of the professors have since accepted calls, while the third is still on the pay-roll of Synod.

2) *Fort Wayne.* — The requests for repairs and improvements at Fort Wayne, referred to the Board by the last Synod, were taken care of early in the triennium. — The Fort Wayne Lutheran High School authorities had been granted permission by the last Synod to use the college property for high-school purposes, "subject to the approval of the Board of Directors and under conditions set forth in the overture." It can be reported that the necessary changes in the Hanser Hall, where the high school is being conducted, were made without cost to Synod. As to running expenses, the memorial (*Proceedings 1935,* p. 82) referred to prorating, or apportioning, such expenses, while another paragraph (p. 83) emphasized that the arrangement should cost the Synod nothing. The authors of the overture unanimously insisted that their understanding was that the High School Association would pay all expenses over and above what it would cost to conduct the college department. It was finally agreed that the Fort Wayne Lutheran High School Association be billed for the difference in the cost of heating, including labor costs.

* This note, originally received as part of a contribution to the building fund, was canceled by the Board of Directors to facilitate the closing of an estate.

3) *Milwaukee.* — Pursuant to the resolution of the last Synod the Cedar St. dormitory (Kilbourn Hall) was razed, and the proceeds ($550) were used for landscaping, filling in, etc.

4) *Oakland.* — Of the $5,000 requested from the last Synod, $1,700 was granted by the Board for the most necessary repairs. The remainder of these repairs will be taken care of, if necessary, in connection with summer repairs this year.

5) *St. Paul.* — The requests of this institution having been turned over to our Board by the last Synod, the $1,100 requested for painting, etc., in the chapel and the $1,350 for the consolidation of the libraries were granted. It was found that the old boiler might continue to do service if the new boiler could be equipped with a stoker. This was granted.

6) *Seward.* — Synod resolved that a third college year be added at the Seward normal school. The Board took up this matter early in 1936 with the College of Presidents and was encouraged to carry out this resolution, which was done.

7) *All Institutions.* — Our Committee on Colleges was constantly in touch with our educational institutions through their local boards. In the interest of closer cooperation the policy now is to have the minutes of the local boards submitted to our committee. The necessary summer repairs have been granted. Whenever a local board wished to fill an existing vacancy in its faculty, the advice of the Board of Directors was secured before steps were taken to elect the new professor. Boards asking for the establishment of a new professorship were always referred to Synod.

C. Missions

1) *Foreign Missions.* — The last Synod instructed the Board of Directors to make the necessary funds available to send out eight foreign missionaries, as requested by the Mission Board, four to India and four to China. This resolution could not be carried out because the missionaries were not sent. The report of the Mission Board will explain the matter.

2) *Missions among the Deaf.* — According to synodical resolution the Board of Directors instructed the Church Extension Board to make a loan of $15,000 to the Board for Deaf and Blind Missions for chapels in Omaha and St. Louis and $1,000 to place a worker in Western Canada.

3) *European Missions.* — The Board kept in mind the conditional appropriation of the last Synod for missions in Europe. Though the budget was at first fixed at a lower figure, additional funds had to be allowed for the work in France, Finland, and Estonia, pursuant to the report of the Mission Board and of Vice-President Grueber, who had visited the field.

D. Constitutional Matters

1. *Incorporation Matters.* — The last Synod took the following action on these matters:

"1) That the articles of incorporation of all those institutions of Synod reported as incorporated be examined and determined;

"2) That all those institutions reported as not being incorporated be incorporated;

"3) That the title of every institution of Synod in this country and in foreign countries be examined and determined;

"4) That the Board of Directors of Synod be authorized, empowered, and directed to carry out all these recommendations and that Synod hereby vests in its Board of Directors all the necessary legal authority to carry out all these provisions;

"5) That the Board of Directors be instructed to procure for the matter herein mentioned the advice of an attorney or a firm of attorneys competent in title examination and in matters of incorporation and to make provision that at all times the interest of Synod in the property and control of the institution be properly safeguarded.

"6. Concerning the incorporation of our college at Bronxville, to which attention is called in the report of the Board of Directors (Memorial 601, A, 7, p. 211), your Committee recommends that the matter be left to the disposition of the Board of Directors of Synod and the Board of Control of Bronxville, with the provision that Synod safeguard its property rights and its control over the institution."

Synod also adopted the following *enabling act:*

"In view of the fact that our Synod now holds title to real estate situated in States where a foreign corporation cannot legally hold title to real estate and also in States where the real estate of a foreign corporation is taxable, be it

"*Resolved* by the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States, in convention assembled at the city of Cleveland, Ohio, June 19—28, 1935, that the Board of Directors be, and it hereby is, authorized and empowered,

"First, to cause domestic corporations to be created in all States where the Synod as a foreign corporation cannot legally hold title to real estate and also in States where the property of foreign corporations is subject to taxation;

"Secondly, in the name of Synod to convey to such domestic corporations by warranty deed or otherwise the title to real estate now standing in the name of Synod and situated in States where a foreign corporation cannot legally hold title to real estate, and to domestic corporations in the States where the property of foreign corporations is subject to taxation.

"Thirdly, to procure the advice of competent legal counsel in the matters herein mentioned and to make provision that the interests of Synod be properly safeguarded." (*Proceedings 1935,* p. 194 f.)

Dr. Seuel and Mr. Schlueter were appointed a Committee for Incorporation Matters, with Mr. Geo. Eigel as special attorney. The charter for the Bronxville Collegiate Institute was approved under the condition that the Board of Trustees of the Institute be elected by Synod and the control of the property by Synod be safeguarded. After other minor changes were made, the charter was officially approved by the Board of Directors. Our committee is continuing further investigation as to various charters with a view to clearing up these matters according to synodical resolution.

2. *Regulations for the Board of Trustees for Synod's Trust Funds.*

"1) A Board of Trustees of Synod's Trust Funds shall be created by the Board of Directors of Synod.

"2) This Board of Trustees shall be charged with the duty and responsibility of holding in trust, managing, and conserving all legacies, bequests, endowments, foundations, annuity gifts, and all other trust funds of Synod. To this end it shall be authorized and empowered to buy, sell, invest in, and reinvest in, securities in accord with rules to be adopted under Paragraph 6 of these regulations.

"3) The Board of Trustees of Trust Funds shall consist of seven (7) members of Synod: the President or one of the Vice-Presidents of Synod, the Treasurer of Synod, and five (5) members to be chosen from the laity of Synod.

"a. The President or one of the Vice-Presidents of Synod shall

be appointed by Synod's Board of Directors. He shall hold membership on this Board of Trustees for three years or until his successor shall have been appointed and shall have accepted.

"b. The Treasurer of Synod shall be *ex officio* a member of the said Board of Trustees.

"c. The other five (5) members of the said Board of Trustees shall be appointed by Synod's Board of Directors from the laity of Synod. One member shall be appointed for a term of one (1) year, two shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, and two shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter successors shall be appointed annually for terms of three (3) years. But no member of this Board provided for in this Paragraph c shall be appointed to succeed himself more than once.

"d. Vacancies occurring in this Board of Trustees shall be filled by the Board of Directors of Synod.

"4) The Board of Trustees of Synod's Trust Funds shall organize by choosing its own chairman and secretary.

"5) This Board shall be privileged to appoint such executive committees from its own membership as it may find necessary for the efficient, punctual performance of its duties; but the said Board shall always be responsible to Synod's Board of Directors for the acts of such committees as well as for its own acts.

"6) This Board shall draft its own rules (respectively, amendments thereto) to govern its actions within the scope defined in Paragraph 2 above. However, such rules or amendments shall not become effective or operative until or unless they have been approved by Synod's Board of Directors."

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EV. LUTHERAN SYNOD OF MISSOURI, OHIO, AND OTHER STATES

By the Secretary of the Board,

M. F. KRETZMANN

Committee 14 submitted its *report and recommendations* on various points under "A. Financial Matters" of the Report of the Board of Directors as follows:

On Point 1, *The Budget* (p. 218 of *Reports and Memorials*):

In this paragraph the Board of Directors reports

a) That in accord with Synod's resolution they endeavored each year during the past triennium to "balance the budget";

b) That they made efforts to have the budget increased slightly from year to year;

c) That with the money available the most necessary requirements in Synod were met and the debt reduced from $675,487.20 to $614,687.19 from the beginning of 1935 to the close of 1937.

Your Committee recommends to Synod to adopt the following *resolutions:*

Resolved, That Synod express its gratitude to the Board of Directors, the District Presidents, and other officials of Synod for their commendable work in connection with Synod's budget.

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of Synod be expressed to all the different Districts that have made, and are still making, efforts to introduce ever better methods and produce better results in connection with the attainment of the budget.

Resolved, That Synod, by a rising vote of thanks, express its deep gratitude to Mr. Louis H. Waltke for his generosity and kindness in defraying the expenses of the Visitors' meeting in connection with the Fiscal Conference at River Forest in 1936 and the convention of the District Centennial Committees in St. Louis in 1937.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

On Point 2, *Synodical Trust Funds* (p. 218), Committee 14 *reported:*

The Cleveland Convention instructed the Board of Directors, the Special Board of the L. L. L. collaborating, to study Synod's entire trust business in all its phases, with a view to developing a plan or scheme for holding in trust, controlling, managing, investing, and conserving *all* synodical trust funds. This resolution of the Cleveland Convention the Board of Directors has carried out. They have devised and adopted a plan, have created a new board for trust funds, and have appointed the members. Our Committee recommends to Synod to adopt the resolution:

Resolved, That Synod accept the report on Synodical Trust Funds and approve of the action of the Board of Directors.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Points 3–5 were disposed of as follows:

Point 3, on *Pensions,* will be reported on below in connection with Support and Pension matters.

Point 4, on *Salaries,* was taken by way of report.

Point 5, *Church Extension Matters,* was disposed of under the heading of Missions, where Church Extension matters are treated.

On Point 6, *Centennial Collection,* Committee 14 submitted for adoption the following *resolutions:*

1. *Resolved,* That Synod advise the Board of Directors to terminate the Preconvention Debt Collection Thank-offering by December 31, 1938.

2. *Resolved,* further, That Synod express its deep gratitude to all who have contributed, or will contribute, toward the Debt Collection and to all those who gave so liberally of their time and efforts to solicit and collect contributions.

3. *Resolved,* further, That the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference be authorized and instructed by Synod to inaugurate a Synod-wide Centennial Thank-offering Collection upon the close of the Debt Collection.

4. *Resolved,* further, That Synod instruct the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference to determine the time when this thank-offering collection is to begin and the period of time over which it is to extend.

5. *Resolved,* further, That Synod encourage and direct the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference to make adequate Synod-wide preparations and help to inaugurate Synod-wide consecrated, prayerful efforts to have such a collection become a real thank-offering in size and scope.

6. *Resolved,* further, That Synod authorize and direct the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference to determine the amount to be set as a goal for the thank-offering collection.

7. *Resolved,* further, That Synod encourage and urge the Board of Directors and the Fiscal Conference to give earnest, prayerful attention to the possibility of setting the goal higher than a million dollars.

8. *Resolved,* That Paragraph b and c, page 220, be adopted.

9. *Resolved,* That Paragraph d, page 220, be adopted with the insertion of the words *and mission-schools* after "mission-stations."

10. *Resolved,* That Points e and f be adopted.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

The suggestion of the Board of Directors to terminate the precentennial debt liquidation effort by August 1, 1938, was rejected and Synod again *resolved* to continue this effort "in the upper brackets" until the end of the year.

On three *unprinted memorials pertaining to the Centennial Thank-offering Committee 14* presented the *resolution: "Resolved,* That these memorials be turned over to Synod's Centennial Thank-offering Committee for consideration," which was *adopted* by *Synod.*

On Point 7, *Expenses of College of Presidents and Fiscal Conference* (p. 221), *Committee 14* submitted the following *resolution:*

Resolved, That Synod establish as a fixed policy for the future that the Board of Directors pay the expenses for meetings of the College of Presidents and the Fiscal Conference out of Synod's General Treasury.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

On Point 8, *Cooperation of Districts,* p. 221, *Committee 14* recommended the adoption of the following *resolutions:*

Resolved, That Synod, by the vote of its delegates assembled in convention, reemphasize to its Districts that, since each District is an important integral part of the entire body composing Synod, it is essential, if Synod is to carry out its God-appointed work, that each District whole-heartedly support all the activities decided upon by Synod, especially with regard to the collection of contributions; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this vote by Synod's convention be submitted by the President of Synod to all District Synod conventions in 1939 for earnest, prayerful consideration.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

On Point 9, *Appropriations Committee, Committee 9* on Constitutional Matters submitted the following *resolutions:*

Resolved, That the Appropriations Committee be abolished.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors together with the College of Presidents be empowered to enlarge the Synodical Finance Committee as may be deemed necessary.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

On Point 10, *Legacies, Committee 14* recommended the following *resolution:*

Resolved, That Synod express its deep appreciation for the increasing interest in making bequests to Synod and that it encourage the members of our Church to provide donations and bequests to Synod in their last will and testament.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

On Point 11, *Peoria Property, Committee 14* reported and *recommended:*

As explained in the overture, a synodical resolution is necessary to remove a flaw in the title to the property formerly belonging to the Children's Friend Society of Peoria but conveyed some time ago to the Addison Orphan Home.

Your Committee recommends to Synod to adopt the *resolution:*

Resolved, That the action of the Board of Directors in conveying to the Addison Orphan Home the real estate formerly owned by the Children's Friend Society of Peoria be, and the same is, hereby ratified.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.* (Cf. resolution under Constitutional Matters.)

Point 12, *Statistician,* was disposed of by the resolution under Constitutional Matters referring the matter of the appointment of Chronicler, Statistician, Corresponding Secretary, and Railroad Secretary to the committee to be appointed for the revision of the *Handbook.*

The matters treated in the Report of the Board of Directors under *"Education and Educational Institutions," "Missions,"* and *"Constitutional Matters"* were disposed of, upon recommendation of Committees 1, 8, 2, 9, respectively, by the action of Synod under the respective departments.

Attention is called, however, to the following *recommendations of Committee 1:*

Point 4, *Fire Insurance* (p. 225 of *Reports and Memorials*): Your Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Fiscal Conference. *Synod adopted* this recommendation. This also disposes of *Memorial 715.*

Point 5, *Synodical Building Fund* (p. 225.): *Committee 1* recommended that these expenditures be approved. *Synod adopted* this recommendation.

Point 2, *Fort Wayne* (p. 226). Concerning the share of expenses to be paid by the High School Association, *Committee 1* recommended that, instead of assuming the proportionate or pro-rata share, the High School Association be charged for an additional cost only. *Synod adopted* this recommendation.

All other points under "B. Education and Educational Institutions" not otherwise mentioned were taken care of by way of report, with no resolution necessary.

With regard to the *entire report of the Board of Directors, Committee 1* recommended:

That Synod express its recognition and commendation to the Board of Directors for the multitudinous work conscientiously and faithfully carried out and reported in comprehensive detail.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the Fiscal Years 1932—1937

(Memorial 702)

A. SURVEY OF BUDGET RECEIPTS

District	1932 *	1933	1934 †	1935	1936	1937
1. Atlantic	$ 73,336.92	$ 61,308.05	$ 56,711.02	$ 53,000.87	$ 58,705.66	$ 57,203.41
2. Brazil	96.60	680.00	30.00		200.00	75.50
3. California and Nevada	3,000.00	5,820.00	5,912.09	4,658.85	6,069.50	5,942.56
4. Ontario	12,793.60	2,956.49	7,925.69	4,708.06	5,459.96	5,909.02
5. Central	163,540.34	137,467.05	189,364.43	161,113.27	174,037.80	179,058.04
6. Central Illinois	65,574.72	47,420.09	63,209.33	51,455.24	56,108.34	58,699.93
7. Eastern	51,191.11	32,653.12	41,468.30	34,218.25	36,150.80	39,282.42
8. English	74,870.74	49,841.29	58,072.60	51,729.29	53,181.42	55,588.94
9. Iowa	49,142.10	43,495.74	66,787.17	60,149.96	50,244.07	E 23,499.67 W 37,930.51
10. Kansas	19,572.09	19,516.48	28,166.24	21,170.61	21,925.70	23,329.76
11. Michigan	149,600.31	107,472.06	140,045.80	133,304.15	145,897.09	158,477.46
12. Minnesota	68,019.23	39,047.11	94,334.19	75,015.74	83,999.75	87,014.48
13. Southern Nebraska	25,229.37	25,856.03	32,333.49	30,571.63	32,651.89	28,282.24
14. North Dakota and Montana	8,198.71	6,419.13	8,280.26	7,186.21	8,962.38	8,883.49
15. Northern Illinois	88,546.23	70,084.22	89,514.40	86,012.49	97,401.05	112,056.02
16. North Wisconsin	24,722.46	20,580.00	40,667.93	28,246.00	33,840.00	28,847.86
17. Oregon and Washington	11,263.80	9,127.97	10,942.40	9,500.00	10,500.00	12,743.14
18. South Dakota	3,050.74	3,084.28	7,238.52	4,751.09	5,062.08	4,992.19
19. Southern	4,616.61	5,564.32	5,614.75	4,633.46	4,309.06	3,441.21
20. Southern Illinois	30,726.84	20,749.57	31,533.55	28,880.63	28,990.12	29,369.39
21. Texas	18,456.06	12,531.52	16,531.19	15,986.04	16,002.64	17,258.34
22. Western	142,180.86	93,237.29	111,136.96	92,688.94	95,347.26	104,416.97
23. Southern Wisconsin	73,853.60	52,667.32	76,325.98	63,665.20	70,200.15	70,787.61
24. Colorado	4,934.15	4,421.94	6,668.68	6,483.89	6,672.97	7,401.10
25. Alberta and British Columbia	3,427.97	1,718.41	3,210.14	2,461.71	3,456.68	3,904.78
26. Manitoba and Saskatchewan	2,696.06	2,665.92	3,522.34	2,549.15	3,210.66	3,476.13
27. Northern Nebraska	22,447.28	20,117.96	22,287.08	21,332.27	19,459.77	18,012.04
28. Oklahoma	4,949.05	5,259.18	7,125.91	6,235.81	6,420.49	7,244.53
29. Argentine	36.00	340.32	34.69	25.00		123.87
30. Southern California	9,786.40	8,226.82	10,805.73	7,816.00	10,864.84	11,813.16
31. *Totals from Districts*	$1,209,859.95	$910,329.68	$1,235,800.86	$1,069,549.81	$1,145,380.13	$1,205,065.77
32. Concordia Publishing House	60,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	75,000.00	100,000.00
33. L. L. L. Endowment Fund	115,000.00	112,000.00	105,000.00	107,000.00	102,000.00	100,373.18
34. Legacies, Bequests, etc.	24,555.40	23,979.34	30,638.82	21,782.86	27,592.92	39,930.27
35. All Other Sources	44,188.69	13,474.50	19,589.02	35,484.38	16,807.55	13,705.61
36. GRAND TOTALS (Exhibit B, Line 29)	$1,453,604.04	$1,074,783.52	$1,416,028.70	$1,283,817.05	$1,366,780.60	$1,459,074.83

* Includes Emergency Collection

† Includes Synod's Share of Open-Bible Thank-offering

B. DISTRIBUTION OF BUDGET RECEIPTS

	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
1. Deaf and Blind Missions	$ 39,996.02	$ 32,218.19	$ 41,889.41	$ 38,334.81	$ 39,765.93	$ 39,226.02
2. Buildings	130.51	165.74				
3. European Missions	40,780.26	29,439.78	38,987.14	35,691.11	39,229.32	39,598.07
4. Finnish Church in North America	784.23	551.88	677.20	607.47	607.21	609.64
5. Foreign Missions	146,259.98	157,456.20	209,447.04	202,650.09	222,220.34	238,419.00
6. Buildings	1,096.70	332.12				9,416.98
7. Foreign-tongue Missions	18,560.25	14,586.68	20,035.36			
8. Home Missions	226,644.15	181,786.36	236,203.19	214,411.98	213,602.41	225,477.87
9. Candidate Fund					16,850.70	38,962.61
10. Immigrant and Seamen's Missions	3,790.47	2,550.05	3,532.19			
11. Immigrant Mission — Canada	707.21					
12. Indian Missions	11,763.53	5,737.62	5,801.22			
13. Buildings	2,174.82	182.37				
14. Jewish Missions	7,450.24	2,055.26	3,837.65			
15. Negro Missions	95,938.18	68,375.65	81,843.97	72,916.47	70,023.89	76,918.53
16. Africa						2,703.09
17. Buildings	362.77	216.77				
18. South American Missions	38,296.84	28,773.72	37,176.68	36,510.54	42,717.80	47,347.71
19. *Totals for Missions*	$634,736.16	$524,428.39	$679,431.05	$601,122.47	$645,017.60	$718,679.52
20. Church Extension Fund	3,218.64					
21. Contingent Reserve Fund	5,669.62		789.68			
22. Support, Board of	269,004.03	196,071.86	234,848.80	217,436.02	224,303.45	231,077.14
23. Death-benefits						400.00
24. Synodical Repairs	19,605.90	12,721.71	23,895.34	28,846.96	42,365.28	42,257.19
25. Colleges and Seminaries						340,528.36
26. Sundries						116,355.09
27. Synodical Treasury	514,850.80	340,260.67	477,063.83	436,411.60	455,094.27	9,777.53
28. Synodical Building Fund	6,518.89	1,300.89				
29. TOTALS (Exhibit A, Line 36)	$1,453,604.04	$1,074,783.52	$1,416,028.70	$1,283,817.05	$1,366,780.60	$1,459,074.83

C. BUDGET DISBURSEMENTS

	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	Budget, 1938
1. Deaf and Blind Missions	$ 44,770.05	$ 37,826.00	$ 37,000.00	$ 37,500.00	$ 38,960.00	$ 38,149.00	$ 42,000.00
2. European Missions	45,617.76	34,566.98	34,441.52	34,802.15	38,371.10	38,451.17	38,810.00
3. Finnish Church in North America	891.50	650.00	602.50	600.00	600.00	600.00	600.00
4. Foreign Missions	163,790.29	184,891.88	185,017.07	200,000.00	219,661.91	235,000.00	250,000.00
5. Buildings	625.85	305.00				9,416.98	15,000.00
6. Foreign-tongue Missions *	20,859.08	17,136.69					
7. Home Missions	253,864.97	213,475.25	208,651.43	210,499.41	209,826.97	220,432.49	230,000.00
8. Candidate Fund					16,850.70	38,962.61	50,000.00
9. Expansion							25,000.00
10. Immigrant and Seamen's Miss.*	4,239.17	2,990.00					
11. Immigrant Mission — Canada *	707.21						
12. Indian Missions *	13,234.07	6,747.14					
13. Buildings *	1,029.15	—60.00					
14. Jewish Missions *	8,351.97	2,402.75					
15. Negro Missions	107,484.61	80,289.31	72,304.43	71,823.94	68,969.14	75,509.00	80,000.00
16. Africa						2,703.09	13,495.00
17. Buildings	10,279.04	69.76					
18. South American Missions	42,894.44	33,791.68	32,841.75	35,851.29	42,079.54	46,494.77	46,000.00
19. Expansion							5,000.00
20. *Totals for Missions*	$718,639.16	$615,082.44	$570,858.70	$591,076.79	$635,319.36	$705,719.11	$795,905.00
21. Church Extension Fund	3,218.64						
22. Contingent Reserve Fund	741.50		789.68				59,558.70
23. Support, Board of	286,125.00	209,151.44	204,609.69	216,435.00	223,337.05	229,785.68	240,000.00
24. Death-benefits						400.00	
25. Synodical Repairs (Exh. D)	22,013.76	14,930.61	21,103.13	28,796.54	42,316.60	42,192.13	35,000.00
26. Colleges and Sem's (Exh. E)	463,709.94	327,172.97	327,417.76	328,155.86	336,251.48	340,528.36	398,600.00
27. Sundries (Exh. G)	101,511.21	72,389.30	94,013.99	100,677.13	111,526.29	116,355.09	109,000.00
28. Building Fund	1,762.01	2,797.31					
29. Pensions							11,936.30
30. Debt			197,235.75	18,675.73	18,029.82	24,094.46	150,000.00
31. TOTALS	$1,597,721.22	$1,241,524.07	$1,416,028.70	$1,283,817.05	$1,366,780.60	$1,459,074.83	$1,800,000.00

* Discontinued as Synodical Missions in 1933 and assigned to the respective District

D. COLLEGE AND SEMINARY REPAIRS

	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
1. Austin	$ 103.79	$ 216.40	$ 155.81	$ 100.00	$ 531.25	$ 761.19
2. Bronxville	1,260.48	1,660.11	2,782.76	2,057.19	2,775.01	2,730.26
3. Concordia	2,140.42	1,005.36	725.33	1,927.10	4,107.55	3,014.68
4. Conover	329.60	107.25	280.47	49.71	———	———
5. Crespo	———	———	———	———	———	———
6. Edmonton	173.93	85.46	204.83	673.23	313.07	480.90
7. Fort Wayne	4,233.04	1,837.49	2,347.49	6,227.35	8,432.65	7,347.06
8. Milwaukee	2,428.85	1,534.66	6,573.01	4,278.39	4,751.11	4,127.05
9. Oakland	588.68	668.19	333.00	2,001.52	1,902.75	1,417.73
10. Portland	92.28	61.33	110.80	114.77	427.75	840.01
11. Porto Alegre	450.47	114.95	212.62	435.65	828.58	386.29
12. River Forest	1,651.75	1,847.35	1,287.92	3,372.17	2,566.48	2,465.00
13. St. Louis	639.38	1,517.42	534.16	191.05	4,009.42	4,257.04
14. St. Paul	2,320.29	1,445.53	2,151.60	4,008.68	4,730.48	5,621.81
15. Seward	3,996.22	1,985.17	1,267.66	1,318.01	3,118.86	3,496.29
16. Springfield	638.42	512.33	1,474.55	1,097.32	2,498.72	3,623.80
17. Winfield	966.16	331.61	661.12	944.40	1,322.92	1,623.02
18. *Totals* (Exhibit C, Line 25)	$22,013.76	$14,930.61	$21,103.13	$28,796.54	$42,316.60	$42,192.13

E. COLLEGES AND SEMINARIES

Operating Costs

	1932 *	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
1. Austin	$ 9,139.03	$ 6,054.09	$ 5,745.39	$ 5,712.25	$ 5,711.26	$ 6,053.51
2. Bronxville	31,604.81	19,786.99	20,473.14	21,859.44	22,701.27	23,234.60
3. Concordia	19,895.84	14,854.95	14,379.61	15,003.12	14,989.01	15,118.92
4. Conover	8,258.90	5,974.67	5,450.40	5,261.95	2,540.00	900.00
5. Crespo	1,600.00	1,665.00	890.94	584.18	2,520.52	2,494.04
6. Edmonton	12,611.70	10,204.27	14,939.31	10,349.10	8,829.77	9,872.59
7. Fort Wayne	36,119.50	23,372.18	25,530.03	26,195.41	25,164.28	24,385.68
8. Milwaukee	43,962.75	29,650.98	28,679.54	27,699.28	28,516.29	30,609.84
9. Oakland	17,464.98	12,852.01	12,487.18	13,003.60	13,197.72	13,767.93
10. Portland	6,913.21	5,132.14	5,089.24	5,287.51	5,141.46	5,302.30
11. Porto Alegre	9,485.94	5,367.98	6,038.34	4,216.05	6,481.57	6,820.76
12. River Forest	45,229.88	33,919.25	31,911.14	32,884.37	35,308.77	36,174.32
13. St. Louis	66,387.13	44,612.27	45,314.14	48,660.44	51,851.16	54,231.12
14. St. Paul	40,170.74	26,239.23	25,682.18	25,901.93	26,938.06	26,705.50
15. Seward	35,875.99	25,108.35	23,146.86	23,681.13	23,824.95	24,388.07
16. Springfield	25,563.16	16,569.25	15,591.94	16,978.25	18,526.40	17,655.07
17. Winfield	25,447.33	17,808.19	18,117.09	16,858.31	17,022.46	17,969.85
18. Gross operating costs	$435,730.89	$299,171.80	$299,466.47	$300,136.32	$309,264.95	$315,684.10
19. Less rents and tuition received	9,208.53	7,338.41	6,548.79	5,979.54	7,518.25	9,682.24
20. *Net operating cost*	$426,522.36	$291,833.39	$292,917.68	$294,156.78	$301,746.70	$306,001.86
21. Rents paid for professors' residences	13,177.50	11,329.50	10,185.00	9,549.00	10,392.70	10,606.42
22. Rental pay'ts on Bldg. & Loan Plan	24,010.08	24,010.08	24,315.08	24,450.08	24,112.08	23,920.08
23. TOTALS (Exhibit C, Line 26)	$463,709.94	$327,172.97	$327,417.76	$328,155.86	$336,251.48	$340,528.36

* Includes salaries, house service, current expenses, taxes (if any), fuel, library, laboratory

In the years 1933—1937 house service, library, laboratory are eliminated, and current expenses are reduced to a minimum

F. RESIDENCES AND GARAGES

In 1929 Synod authorized its Board of Directors to acquire necessary professors' residences, borrowing the money to pay for these and then paying the interest and principal with the moneys that might ordinarily be expended for rentals. Some garages were added at no cost to Synod.

	Number of Residences	Gross Investment	Rental Payments	Interest on Principal	Repayments of Principal	Balance, Jan. 31, 1938
1. Austin	1	$ 9,561.00	$ 8,645.00	$ 2,229.90	$ 6,415.10	$ 3,145.90
2. Edmonton	4	39,412.05	35,649.74	8,375.42	27,274.32	12,137.73
3. Fort Wayne	3	21,118.60	19,217.38	4,683.10	14,534.28	6,584.32
4. Milwaukee	1	8,000.00	7,840.00	1,929.98	5,910.02	2,089.98
5. Oak Park (President's residence)	1	13,429.41	3,360.00	791.69	2,568.31	10,861.10
6. Porto Alegre	2	9,523.56	7,925.00	2,059.11	5,865.89	3,657.67
7. River Forest	5	54,988.77	52,625.00	13,354.33	39,270.67	15,718.10
8. St. Louis	3	45,239.89	35,647.00	8,242.26	27,404.74	17,835.15
9. Seward	1	8,982.18	7,560.00	1,835.96	5,724.04	3,258.14
10. Garages	–	2,340.66	1,852.18	498.93	1,353.25	987.41
11. Gross investment		$212,596.12				
12. Total rental payments			$180,321.30			
13. Less total interest paid			44,000.68	$44,000.68		
14. Repayments of principal		136,320.62	$136,320.62		$136,320.62	
15. BALANCE, January 31, 1938		$76,275.50				$76,275.50

G. SYNODICAL SUNDRIES — DISBURSEMENTS

	1935	1936	1937
1. Auditors, Board of	$ 3,431.31	$ 3,537.95	$ 3,631.30
2. Christian Education	6,720.91	6,947.29	6,967.55
3. Collection Envelopes	3,456.64	4,659.59	4,399.17
4. *College Administration Bulletin*	121.75		
5. Convention expenses	3,299.03	– 44.16	
6. Convention Proceedings	1,899.73		
7. Correspondent for Foreign Connect.	24.31	35.48	31.15
8. Directors, Board of	1,507.83	1,683.96	1,801.25
9. District Presidents, College of	919.18	54.70	771.09
10. Exchange	– 101.05	50.45	98.40
11. Fidelity Bond	467.01	473.26	458.18
12. Fiscal Conference	82.28	741.12	1,812.68
13. Fiscal Office	7,361.87	8,477.61	8,543.09
14. Honorary President	1,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
15. Interest on borrowed money	14,138.82	13,125.04	13,368.00
16. Legal expenses	497.00	1,476.40	150.00
17. Missions Conference			97.25
18. Missions, Secretary of	3,588.92	4,147.37	4,471.62
19. Office equipment	159.36	986.45	501.67
20. Pensions, Board of	141.10	825.10	3,214.47
21. Periodicals sent gratis	6.00	7.93	5.50
22. President's office	4,911.15	5,633.97	6,158.65
23. Publicity — general	18,502.04	14,280.98	10,701.43
24. Lenten material	8,256.27	15,362.14	11,482.04
25. Mission material	9,198.07	13,103.15	8,515.51
26. Mission Forward Series			12,412.28
27. Secretary's office expenses	741.09	749.02	868.95
28. Statistical Bureau	3,006.80	3,528.32	3,374.90
29. *Statistical Year-book*	2,941.49	3,179.02	2,976.34
30. Synodical Conference			417.31
31. Trust Fund Trustees			167.60
32. Vice-Presidents	800.00	800.00	800.00
33. Vice-Presidents' mileage and exp.	455.70	1,088.59	1,134.38
Committees:			
34. Army and Navy Chaplains	85.16	310.47	229.82
35. Catechism	180.41	105.24	109.05
36. Church Architecture	147.51	179.48	141.04
37. Finnish	6.00	9.20	23.00
38. Higher Education	861.68	711.55	1,499.98
39. Hymnology and Liturgics	390.80	515.80	607.80
40. Lodges	303.56	288.50	291.28
41. Lutheran Union	96.67	497.64	350.39
42. Periodical Amalgamation	75.29	34.65	21.95
43. Press	465.48	45.81	34.00
44. Stewardship	60.26	217.85	51.17
45. Student Welfare	185.79	942.13	957.15
46. Sunday-school Teachers' Training	46.89	693.41	527.12
47. Young People's Work	297.66	375.65	493.76
48. Sundry Special Committees	539.36	288.18	285.82
49. *Totals*	$101,677.13	$112,526.29	$117,355.09
50. Less credit — C. P. H. for Christian Education	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
51. Net cost (Exh. C, Line 27)	$100,677.13	$111,526.29	$116,355.09

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H. SYNODICAL BUILDING FUND

1.	Bronxville.	1935.	Sewer assessment	$ 431.98
2.		1936.	Sewer assessment	464.08
3.		1937.	Sewer assessment	439.39
4.			Storage building	2,433.89
5.			Heating-plant extension	4,651.00
6.	Edmonton.	1935.	Improvement taxes	61.02
7.		1936.	Improvements taxes	338.98
8.		1937.	Improvement taxes	190.47
9.	River Forest.		Street-lighting assessment	587.88
10.	St. Paul.		A/C organ	350.00
11.			Stoker	1,423.35
12.	Seward.		Stokers	3,020.40
13.	Note canceled *			1,000.00
14.			*Total*	$15,392.44

J. CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Receipts

Repayment of loans: 1932	$ 60,206.28	
1933	51,674.04	
1934	70,969.06	
1935	62,719.64	
1936	70,858.27	
1937	119,129.52	
Total repayments		$435,556.81
Administration fees: 1932	$3,477.25	
1933	3,593.25	
1934	4,241.36	
1935	4,444.82	
1936	4,254.69	
1937	6,352.92	
Total administration fees		26,364.29
Contributions: 1932	$3,218.64	
1933	2,677.81	
1934	2,302.61	
1935	2,022.62	
1936	5,605.15	
1937	4,630.28	
Total contributions		20,457.11
Total receipts		$482,378.21

Disbursements

New loans: 1932	$ 86,205.00	
1933	18,218.97	
1934	37,500.00	
1935	39,000.00	
1936	112,910.00	
1937	163,930.99	
		$457,764.96

* This note, originally received as part of a contribution to the Building Fund, was canceled by the Board of Directors to facilitate the closing of an estate.

Sundry disbursements: 1932	$9,374.11		
1933	2,201.75		
1934	3,000.00		
1935	1,928.73		
1936	2,632.18		
1937	2,100.00		
Total sundry disbursements		21,236.77	
Total disbursements			479,001.73
Operating balance			$ 3,376.48
Balance, January 31, 1932	$183,510.46		
Less reserve for notes payable	51,140.00		
Net Balance, January 31, 1932			132,370.46
Balance, January 31, 1938	$162,846.94		
Less reserve for notes payable	27,100.00		
Net Balance, January 31, 1938		$135,746.94	$135,746.94

K. ANNUITY ENDOWMENTS

Receipts

New annuities: 1932	$26,600.00		
1933	2,700.00		
1934	9,985.00		
1935	5,700.00		
1936	2,000.00		
1937	30,176.00		
Total new annuities		$77,161.00	
Interest earned: 1932	$2,210.16		
1933	2,526.64		
1934	2,590.44		
1935	2,433.29		
1936	2,291.94		
1937	2,086.51		
Total earnings		14,138.98	
Total credits			$91,299.98

Disbursements

Paid to annuitants: 1932	$3,695.89		
1933	4,438.26		
1934	4,576.81		
1935	4,959.83		
1936	4,838.45		
1937	4,512.28		
Total paid to annuitants		$27,021.52	
Contracts expired: 1932	$ 943.72		
1933	194.73		
1935	988.20		
1936	6,429.07		
1937	7,687.43		
Total contracts expired		16,243.15	
Total debits			43,264.67
Operating balance			$48,035.31
Balance, January 31, 1932			41,879.43
Balance, January 31, 1938			$89,914.74

L. PERMANENT SUPPORT FUND

RECEIPTS

Addition to Fund: 1932	$8,453.59	
1933	7,096.33	
1934	7,685.45	
1935	7,451.52	
1936	8,403.12	
1937	8,673.27	
Total additions		$47,763.28
Interest earned: 1932	$5,980.62	
1933	5,898.58	
1934	6,174.94	
1935	5,600.44	
1936	5,862.01	
1937	6,151.80	
Total earnings		35,668.39
Total credits		$83,431.67
Disbursed earnings to Board of Support account		35,668.39
Addition to Fund		$47,763.28
Balance, January 31, 1932		146,991.03
BALANCE, January 31, 1938		$194,754.31

M. LEGACIES

During the last three years Synod, in its Legacy Department, was the recipient of $152,177.52, the major portion of which amount came from the estates of deceased members. The receipts fall in the following classifications, which are here briefly defined.

A. First of all, there are LEGACIES, which according to our office parlance are sums willed to Synod by its members, the testator specifying that the amount willed to Synod should be profitably invested and the earnings used for some general or specific purpose of Synod. Quite frequently the testator designates the ultimate synodical purpose to which these earnings should be put. Of late, however, Synod has been receiving a gratifying number of legacies in which the testator merely named the Synod as beneficiary, without further stipulation, leaving it to Synod's Board of Directors to designate annually the purpose of such earnings.

B. By far the greatest number of items contained in our legacy receipts are identified as BEQUESTS. In our office parlance, if a testator wills anything to Synod and says that the entire sum is to be paid out for some general or specific purpose of Synod, such an item is designated as a bequest.

C. In our listings there are a number of ENDOWMENTS. These are gifts from the living, which are to be invested and the earnings of which are to be used for the purposes designated by the donor.

D. FOUNDATIONS are similar to endowments, with the exception that the donor has chosen thus to designate his gift.

E. MEMORIALS are essentially endowments, created from gifts or bequests and dedicated to the memory of a person or persons.

F. Quite a number of items are listed as FUNDS. These items are all in the same class with legacies and endowments, with the exception that the testators, respectively the donors, have seen fit so to designate their legacies or gifts.

G. Finally, there is a group of ANNUITY ENDOWMENTS. These represent cases in which individuals had entered into annuity agreements with Synod, the annuitants making a substantial contribution to Synod and Synod promising to pay them a fixed annuity during life. Whenever the term annuity endowment appears among Synod's legacy receipts, it indicates that such an annuity agreement has expired owing to the demise of the annuitant and that the amount involved has automatically passed into the possession of Synod, there to serve the purpose designated by the annuitant.

New Legacies, etc.:

1. Pastor Edward Beck Fund	$ – 250.00*
2. Dorothea Becker Bequest	1,315.44
3. Emil Behnke Bequest	1,048.58
4. Wm. Binninger Bequest	707.20
5. Edmund P. Block Bequest	1,082.81
6. Block Memorial	1,320.00
7. Henry G. Bokermann Memorial	21,500.00
8. Annie Bossert Legacy	3,330.70†
9. Clara Brakhage Bequest	500.00
10. Ferdinand Brackhan Bequest	2,530.06
11. Christ Brockmeier Legacy	4,046.59
12. Justine Schnitker Bunke Book Fund	– 2.00*
13. Justine Schnitker Bunke Fund	2,970.00
14. Herman Busacker Bequest	84.00
15. Emilie Capelle Bequest	200.00
16. Augusta Corssen Bequest	200.00
17. George Dauble Bequest	50.00
18. Wilhelmine Dencker Bequest	250.00
19. Sophie Dibois Bequest	499.00
20. George V. Diehl Bequest	100.00
21. Theo. Fett Bequest	742.70
22. John H. Frese Bequest	48.80
23. Mat Gadarl Bequest	7,978.68
24. Alide Glaeser Bequest	100.00
25. Rosina Gremel Bequest	283.97
26. Hackstedde Divinity Hall	5,000.00
27. Kunigunda Haertlein Bequest	326.83
28. F. G. Haueisen Memorial	9,000.00
29. Fred. Heitkamp Bequest	460.00
30. J. H. Heldt Bequest	5,000.00
31. Mrs. Emma Hild Bequest	10.00
32. Sophia Hinrichs Bequest	122.00†
33. Frederick D. G. Hoeltke Bequest	500.00
34. H. W. Hoemann Annuity Endowment	3,450.39
35. Wm. Holst Endowment	646.00
36. Anna M. Joern Bequest	1,189.17
37. Ernest Jording Bequest	325.31†
38. Katharine Kammann Bequest	1,249.14
39. Margaret Keller Legacy	100.00
40. Lydia Kellermeier Bequest	500.00
41. Elise C. W. Kiene Bequest	1,848.09
42. Jacob H. Kirsch Bequest	129.66
43. Thomas Koeneke Bequest	852.23
44. Chas. Koenig Bequest	200.00
45. Emma Kraus Bequest	100.00
46. R. Kretzmann Annuity Endowment	353.22
47. Victoria Kunz Bequest	4,670.82
48. Victoria Kunz Annuity Endowment	934.77
49. Leannah Catherine Lail Memorial	1,594.75
50. Theo. H. Lamprecht Memorial	2,125.00
51. Wm. Lange Bequest	200.00

52. George Letz Bequest	1,000.00
53. Katharina J. Lindhout Bequest	10.00
54. Caroline Lueke Bequest	1.00†
55. Oswald and Lizzie Lugenheim Annuity Endow't	2,479.12
56. Folline Luitjens Bequest	890.00
57. John Maas Legacy	100.00
58. F. Mackensen Endowment	– 3,856.21*
59. Anna Masuhr Bequest	25.00
60. Wilhelm Masuhr Bequest	100.00
61. Wilhelmine Matter Bequest	2,853.93
62. Alfred H. and Adele E. Mattfeld Legacy	– 107.25*
63. G. H. Mauntler Memorial	1,000.00
64. Sophie Marie Mehring Bequest	231.25
65. Arthur E. Michel Endowment	1,600.00
66. Milwaukee College Legacy	1,156.45
67. Henry F. Moellering Legacy	6,000.00
68. Herman A. Naiman Endowment	100.00
69. August Nero Bequest	100.00
70. Augusta Nowack Bequest	29.47
71. Herman C. Oerding Bequest	40.00
72. N. N.	10,000.00
73. Wilhelmina Pertz Bequest	500.00
74. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pfeiffer Bequest	350.00
75. Mary Praeuner Annuity Endowment	785.33
76. J. Adam Preis Donation	1.00†
77. Kaspar Preis Memorial	100.00
78. Anna L. Puscheck Bequest	2,000.00
79. John M. Racher Bequest	370.00
80. H. J. Reisig Endowment	– 260.00*
81. Jacob Rewerts Annuity Endowment	1,922.89
82. Paulus Ries Bequest	479.53
83. River Forest College Legacy	700.00
84. Anthony Rose Bequest	1,491.39
85. Anna Rosenow Bequest	200.00
86. Philip Ruehl Bequest	500.00
87. Lydia R. Saeger Bequest	396.36
88. St. Louis Seminary Students' Fund	– 1.00*
89. Gottlieb M. Schaefer Bequest	499.00
90. Ernst Scherf Donation	1.00†
91. Carl Schlechte Bequest	2,730.85
92. H. L. Schmale Annuity Endowment	871.75
93. Mary Schrader Bequest	1,133.64
94. Henry C. Schroeder Bequest	3,254.43
95. Alvina Schwandt Bequest	829.15
96. Seward Trust Fund	900.00
97. Margaret Bursick Sommer Legacy	600.00
98. Springfield Indigent Students' Fund	– 500.00*
99. Caroline Stoeckli Bequest	1.00†
100. J. F. Stoeckli Bequest	1.00†
101. Auguste E. Stuhr Bequest	20.00
102. Frederick William Thiemann Bequest	1,000.00
103. Edward C. Toeneboehn Legacy	1,200.00
104. Anna Troemel Bequest	500.00
105. Rosina Vandrey Endowment	100.00
106. Adolph Voit Bequest	90.00
107. Barbara Volz Legacy	500.00
108. Louisa Wardenburg Bequest	100.00
109. Catherine Wenchel Bequest	100.00
110. Christine Wilhelm Annuity Endowment	957.85
111. Henriette Christine Wilhelm Bequest	344.00
112. Wilprecht Farm	2.90†
113. Winfield Trust Fund	4,696.11

114. Winfield-Theimer Girls' Dormitory Endowment Fund	7,035.00	
115. Fred Zeroth Legacy	300.00	
116. Christian F. Ziegler Bequest	97.67	
117. *Total New Legacies, etc.*		$152,177.52

* Underlying securities adjusted to market values.
† Nominal values only, as actual values are doubtful.

Earnings:

118. General Legacies	$ 2,047.50
119. Altwasser Legacy	19.50
120. American Luther League Fund	314.38
121. Annuity Endowment: Arnhold	20.31
122. Brinkmann	92.01
123. Claus	18.99
124. Frank	516.03
125. Hoemann	112.14
126. Holst, Hinrich	29.10
127. Kaemper	1,497.60
128. Kretzmann	11.48
129. Kunz	60.76
130. Lugenheim	162.41
131. Praeuner	51.04
132. Rewerts	62.49
133. "A Friend"	54.33
134. Schmale	56.66
135. Stelter	92.28
136. Wilhelm	62.26
137. Aulich Fund	97.50
138. Barthels Legacy	482.40
139. Bastian Endowment	29.25
140. Beck Fund	24.36
141. Becker Legacy	9.75
142. Block Memorial	1,699.28
143. Boettcher Legacy	97.50
144. Board of Support Endowment	14.61
145. Board of Support Legacy	9.75
146. Bokermann Memorial	142.17
147. Bossert Memorial	27.10
148. L. and E. B. Legacy	97.50
149. Brockmeier Legacy	1,267.95
150. Budach Legacy	97.50
151. Bunke Book Fund	97.50
152. Burke Legacy	48.75
153. Busse, Christine, Legacy	48.75
154. Busse, William, Legacy	19.50
155. Diercks Legacy	365.61
156. Dierkson Legacy	48.75
157. Doederlein Memorial	682.44
158. Durr Legacy	1,114.35
159. Endowment Fund for Home Missions	17.76
160. Foreign Mission Endowment	48.75
161. Foreign Mission Legacy	97.50
162. Fort Wayne College Legacy Fund	3,767.37
163. Frank Memorial	2,104.86
164. Fuelling Legacy	9.75
165. Fulling Legacy	3,778.05
166. Gehrke Legacy	46.80
167. Dr. R. J. G. Legacy	243.75
168. Goeppinger Legacy	195.00
169. Greb Legacy	146.25

170. Hackstedde Divinity Hall	417.88
171. Hamann Legacy	136.50
172. Harms Legacy	487.50
173. Haueisen Memorial	5,129.31
174. Heinz Legacy	1,140.75
175. Heitmueller Legacy	97.50
176. Hertwig Legacy	12.48
177. Hochwart Legacy	9.75
178. Holst Endowment	146.50
179. H. S. F.	975.00
180. H. M. M. F.	195.00
181. Indigent Students' Endowment	74.58
182. Indigent Students' Fund	97.50
183. Italian Mission, West Hoboken, N. J.	87.17
184. Jorn Legacy	97.50
185. Juehrs Legacy	97.50
186. Dr. K. K. Memorial	78.00
187. Kastenhuber Legacy	876.93
188. Kleider Legacy	9.75
189. Koelling Legacy	19.50
190. Krome, Anna Marie, Legacy	106.08
191. Krome, August, Legacy	237.39
192. Kuhlmann Legacy	678.15
193. Ladwig Endowment	97.50
194. Lail Memorial	5.62
195. Lamprecht Endowment	132.50
196. Lamprecht Memorial	2,171.25
197. Landre Legacy	195.00
198. Loresch Endowment	195.00
199. Maas Legacy	8.40
200. Mackensen Endowment	849.67
201. Mattfeld Fund	1,394.28
202. Mauntler Memorial	65.00
203. Mech Fund	161.85
204. Mehring Funds	926.25
205. Michel Endowment	33.22
206. Milwaukee College Legacy	1,665.22
207. Moellering Legacy	46.58
208. Mohn Legacy	682.50
209. Mohr Legacy	55.32
210. Mueller Legacy	39.00
211. Nachtigall Legacy	19.50
212. Naimann Endowment	2.38
213. Nikkel Legacy	292.50
214. Ohio District Walther League	76.62
215. Ortner Legacy	24.36
216. "Our Redeemer Fund"	273.21
217. Ploetz Endowment	107.25
218. Poetsch Legacy	97.50
219. Pollman Legacy	48.75
220. Prange Endowment	2,917.72
221. Preis Memorial	5.57
222. Putzig Endowment	19.50
223. Raithel Legacy	1,945.00
224. Reisig Endowment	75.00
225. Reuter Legacy	48.75
226. River Forest Campus Endowment	2,261.25
227. River Forest College Legacy	2,181.73
228. River Forest C. T. C. Endowment	585.00
229. Rudtloff Legacy	97.50
230. St. Louis Art Commission Fund	195.00
231. St. Louis Indigent Students' Fund	3,432.45

232. St. Louis Indigent Students' Legacy	97.50
233. St. Paul College Library Fund	292.50
234. Savings of a Pastor's Wife	97.50
235. Schaaf Bequest	355.95
236. Schaaf Legacy	48.75
237. Scheel Legacy	97.50
238. Scherf Donation	120.00
239. Schmidt Legacy	48.75
240. Schnake Legacy	9.75
241. Schoenrich Legacy	58.50
242. Schroeder Legacy	1,265.49
243. Schultz Legacy	97.50
244. Schuricht Legacy	80.00
245. Seward Trust Fund	67.27
246. Sihler Legacy	331.95
247. Sommer Legacy	687.42
248. Springfield Indigent Students' Fund	1,094.99
249. Springfield Indigent Students' Legacy	97.50
250. Starke, H., Legacy	97.50
251. Starke Legacy	877.50
252. Starke, Maria, Legacy	487.50
253. Steinfath Legacy	4.62
254. Strobecke Legacy	97.50
255. Stuhr Bequest	25.00
256. Stutz Legacy	316.05
257. Succop Legacy	300.00
258. The P. S. Fund	75.00
259. Thuernau Legacy	48.75
260. Tiarks Legacy	487.50
261. Toeneboehn Legacy	65.00
262. Tredup Legacy	19.50
263. Vandrey Endowment	3.52
264. Volz Legacy	36.20
265. Weisbrodt Legacy	64.05
266. Willner Legacy	303.57
267. Winfield College Endowment Fund	14.61
268. Winfield Indigent Students' Fund	96.36
269. Winfield Trust Fund	690.46
270. Winfield—Theimer Girls' Dormitory Endowment Fund	470.51
271. Zeroth Legacy	7.58
272. Zum Mallen Legacy	88.11
273. Zuttermeister, C. H., Legacy	525.00
274. Zuttermeister, H. C., Legacy	184.29
275. Total earnings	67,232.80
276. *Total receipts*	$219,410.32

DISBURSEMENTS

277. Addison Orphanage	$ 616.03
278. Atlantic District	2,769.45
279. Bethesda Lutheran Home, Watertown, Wis.	531.08
280. Board of Support	11,602.27
281. Budget Treasury	37,181.43
282. California Concordia College, Oakland, Cal.	213.07
283. Church Extension	8,974.83
284. Concordia College, Edmonton, Alta.	179.25
285. Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.	4,577.70
286. Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.	1,849.51
287. Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.	1,252.07
288. Concordia Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.	5,873.58

289.	Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.	8,613.82	
290.	Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.	2,519.48	
291.	Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Ill.	6,208.92	
292.	Concordia Teachers' College, Seward, Nebr.	67.27	
293.	Deaf and Blind Missions	657.72	
294.	Deaf-mute Institute, Detroit, Mich.	895.24	
295.	Doederlein Memorial	454.96	
296.	Eastern District for Mission in Pittsburgh	175.50	
297.	Eastern District Home Missions	29.25	
298.	English District	231.25	
299.	European Missions	2,089.99	
300.	Foreign Missions	11,556.66	
301.	Home Missions	5,366.50	
302.	Indian Missions	24.38	
303.	Indigent Students	3,173.22	
304.	KFUO Radio Station	5,000.00	
305.	Lutheran Deaconess Association	477.17	
306.	Lutheran Laymen's League	2,046.91	
307.	L. L. L. Endowment Fund	2,250.00	
308.	Lutheran Orphans' Home, St. Louis, Mo.	506.70	
309.	Metropolitan Inner Mission Society, New York	2,503.53	
310.	Negro Missions	3,480.88	
311.	Northern Illinois District Indigent Students	78.00	
312.	Old Folks' Home, Marwood, Pa.	175.50	
313.	Permanent Support Fund	394.00	
314.	St. John's College, Winfield, Kans.	801.43	
315.	St. Louis City Mission	300.00	
316.	South American Missions	120.00	
317.	Southern California District	1,109.23	
318.	Students at Zehlendorf	243.75	
319.	Synodical Building Fund	45.00	
320.	Synodical Debt	200.00	
321.	Synodical Treasury	596.77	
322.	Western District	300.00	
323.	Wheat Ridge Sanitarium	84.37	
324.	Administration expenses	2,381.38	
325.	Advance to agents for liquidation of estates	6,448.16	
326.	Sundry refunds	272.48	
327.	Taxes	935.75	
328.	*Total disbursements*		148,435.44
329.	Net increase in legacies, etc.		$ 70,974.88
330.	Balance, January 31, 1935		600,277.87
331.	Legacies	$666,716.48	
332.	Bequests — pending liquidation	4,536.27	
333.	BALANCE, January 31, 1938	$671,252.75	$671,252.75

N. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

January 31, 1938

SYNOD'S ASSETS

1.	*Current Assets:*		
2.	Accounts Receivable, West Canada Districts	$ 3,673.70	
3.	Advances to Colleges	5,943.56	
4.	Advances — Sundry	3,006.49	
5.	Budget Accounts Prepaid	4,667.37	
6.	Cash	54,904.59	
7.	Certificates of Deposit	200,000.00	
8.	Indian Mission Funds — Restricted	374.29	
9.	Notes Receivable	8,050.00	
10.	Residences and Garages	76,275.50	
11.	Synodical Building Fund	96.07	
12.	Transitory and Suspense Accounts	15,736.94	
13.	Total Current Assets		$372,728.51
14.	*Trust Fund Assets:*		
15.	Endowment Fund Investments	$2,806,664.25	
16.	Investments — General	989,064.32	
17.	Total Investments	$3,795,728.57	
18.	Bequest Investment Suspense	1,023.00	
19.	Premiums and Discounts	29,174.36	
20.	Cash — Endowment	7,301.15	
21.	Cash — Trust Funds (General)	9,099.56	
22.	Total Trust Fund Investments		3,842,326.64
23.	*Total Assets*		$4,215,055.15

SYNOD'S LIABILITIES

24.	*Current Liabilities — External:*		
25.	Church Extension Notes Payable	$ 27,100.00	
26.	College and Seminary Deposits	51,707.41	
28.	Interest Payable — Accrued	8,323.64	
29.	Notes Payable — Demand or 30 Days	167,967.68	
30.	Notes Payable — One Year	423,276.80	
31.	Total External Liabilities		$678,375.53
32.	*Current Liabilities — Internal:*		
33.	Centennial Committee Conference	$ 24.94	
34.	Church Extension Fund	135,746.94	
35.	Deaf Building Fund	387.26	
36.	Indian Building Fund	1,286.34	
37.	Relief Funds	138,112.85	
38.	St. Louis Seminary — Old	19,802.51	
39.	Sunday-school Correspondence Course	168.18	
40.	Transportation Department	139.67	
41.	Transitory and Suspense Accounts	13,371.48	
42.	Total Internal Liabilities		309,040.17
43.	*Trust Funds:*		
44.	Annuities	$ 89,914.74	
45.	Bequests — pending liquidation	4,536.27	
46.	Legacies	666,716.48	
47.	L. L. L. Endowment Fund	2,679,319.34	
48.	L. L. L. Endowment Reserve	134,646.06	
49.	Pension Funds	44,182.34	
50.	Permanent Support Fund	194,754.31	
51.	Reserves and Undivided Earnings	28,257.10	
52.	Total Trust Funds		3,842,326.64
53.	*Total Liabilities*		$4,829,742.34
54.	*Total Assets* (as in Line 23)		4,215,055.15
55.	*Budget Accounts — Deficits:*		
56.	College and Seminary Repairs	$ 1,660.39	
57.	Deaf and Blind Missions	27,468.20	
58.	European Missions	29,283.00	
59.	Finnish Church in North America	229.47	

60.	Foreign Missions	87,264.06	
61.	Home Missions	128,757.86	
62.	Negro Missions	35,951.97	
63.	South American Missions	21,676.87	
64.	Support, Board of	32,975.04	
65.	Synodical Treasury	249,420.33	
66.	*Deficit*, January 31, 1938	$614,687.19	$614,687.19

The form of the above report is somewhat different from the one employed in reporting to previous conventions. Heretofore I have worked from the premise that I was making an accounting of my stewardship as Treasurer of Synod. That should not be necessary at this time as such an accounting is made annually.

Instead, this report is prepared for the primary purpose of giving the convention a miscellaneous group of facts relating to the finances of Synod. I have tried to anticipate the questions with which the convention itself or any of its committees may be confronted. In spite of my efforts in that direction this work is bound to be incomplete. Any one attending the convention and wishing additional information regarding the fiscal business of Synod is encouraged to request it from any member of Synod's fiscal department. They will be pleased to serve.

This applies in particular to Financial Secretary Eckhart, who is the sole compiler of the above report.

E. SEUEL, *Treasurer*

Board of Auditors' Report

(Memorial 703)

Your Board of Auditors respectfully submits the following report to cover its activities during the past triennium.

1. Our Auditor, Mr. A. W. Huge, has audited the books of the General Treasurer of Synod and of all departments of Synod handling synodical funds, Concordia Publishing House excepted. We also have been asked to cover the general books as well as the colleges of the Missionary Board of the Lutheran Synodical Conference. Since 1932 Mr. Huge has made examinations of the books and records of all regularly subsidized Districts, this work being chiefly of a fact-finding nature relating to subsidies paid by Synod, complete audits being neither required nor expected by Synod. Quasi-synodical projects, such as the Lutheran Hour and the Lutheran Laymen's League proper, have been audited as accommodations to the respective boards. Detailed reports on all activities of the Auditor have been submitted to us for review. These reviews continue to impress on us the outstanding advantages of the office of Synodical Auditor. Never before could our work be coordinated

to the extent of enabling us to follow contributions by the Districts and individuals through the books of Synod and into the hands of the individual recipients. We are also pleased to note the expressions of appreciation by Mr. Huge for the splendid cooperation extended by the various boards and officials, for which we should like to add our vote of thanks.

2. In the last *College Administration Bulletin* there appeared an article entitled "Student Work," written by our Auditor. A reprint of this article for all pastors was requested and granted. The reactions received convince us that the Board of Directors "was on the right track" when it reported to the River Forest Convention (*Proceedings 1929*, page 142, Par. C) as follows:

"The support of indigent students, for which upward of $75,000 is contributed annually, was given considerable thought. The Board is convinced that deserving indigent students should be supported but has been trying to find ways and means of avoiding certain abuses and inequalities in such support. We feel that parents should do their very utmost to support their boys themselves, considering that Synod is already furnishing free tuition, board at very reasonable rates, and many other advantages rarely offered at higher institutions of learning. Pastors and conferences should be cautioned to be careful in their recommendations for support. *It has been suggested that opportunities might be found or created at the various institutions to have indigent students do such work for the college in their spare time as will give them some income out of which to help defray their expenses.*"

There appears to be a growing demand in our circles that students' funds be placed on a firmer foundation. There is the fear that the character-training of our boys is deficient if a certain definite feeling of responsibility and appreciation is not fostered. We shall quote briefly from some of the replies received: "I can readily see that a well-balanced program of student self-help, worked out by experienced and intelligent men who have the permanent welfare of the Church at heart, will be of inestimable future value to the students so benefited and to the Church." Another: "Nothing could be better for our students than some real honest-to-goodness work at our institutions. To my mind this worthy movement should have the cordial support of every good and loyal Lutheran. The ministry and the teaching profession are more and more becoming occupations for real courageous men. Manual labor tests the mettle of our boys. Our boys should come face to face with the stern realities of life. The spirit of sacrifice and of willingly going the extra mile can safely be fostered more than it is. I am with you one hundred per cent." And another: "I wish to express my appreciation to you for your excellent article 'Student Work.' Perhaps you know you are touching a very sore spot in our circles when you discuss indigent funds. Have

had plenty chances to see how these funds have been wasted on many a boy. I wonder if some one cannot do the Lord a real service by putting these funds on a rational and business basis"

Our difficulty seems to be that Synod has acted in only a very general way, *Proceedings 1932,* p. 79: "All students ought to be ready to do some manual or other labor at our synodical institutions." We are firmly convinced that, unless these responsibilities are definitely tied up with support received, we are not going to be very successful. These responsibilities and the appreciation of benefits to be received ought to be a part of the original agreement entered into by the various indigent student boards when support is promised. Meeting the argument that it would be "class legislation" to single out those receiving support, we would stress that there is always a large percent of students at every institution of learning who "must work their way through college," and it is invariably these students who in later life are the most successful. It has taken the Government's N. Y. A. program to prove to us what can be accomplished along these lines. A number of our institutions received substantial aid from Government agencies, but the funds could not be passed on to students until work for the benefit of the institution had been performed. Our chief concern at this time arises from the fact that this Government help is tapering off, and we would dislike seeing the good work done come to an abrupt end. Much has been accomplished, and our institutions, several of which are experiencing financial difficulties, are very much in need of assistance. Work done by a student need not be paid for at regular labor costs, and, at the same time, it has a wholesome effect on the life and attitude of the young man. We well realize that this matter requires detailed study, and it is therefore our recommendation that Synod refer the subject to the Board of Directors for further study, and with power to act.

3. Despite almost heroic efforts on the part of the General Church Extension Board we regret to have to report that our observations point to the fact that there are far too many church-extension loans on which the consciousness of obligations seems either dead or nearly so. When congregations will let loans ride for a series of years without even as much as a partial payment, something seems decidedly wrong. This condition seems to suggest the need of more direct personal contact between the General Church Extension Board and the delinquent congregations.

Respectfully submitted by your

BOARD OF AUDITORS

WM. LOTTMANN W. H. ROSCHKE A. F. RATHERT

Committee 14 recommended the adoption of the following *resolutions:*

1. *Resolved,* That Synod reemphasize its position taken in 1932 (see *Proceedings 1932,* p. 79): "All students ought to be ready to do some manual or other labor at our synodical institutions."

2. *Resolved,* further, That Synod advise the various boards of control and faculties of the institutions to encourage, put into effect, and guide and direct, such student labor.

3. *Resolved,* further, That Synod advise boards of control and faculties to use indigent students' funds for the employment of deserving students and not to turn such moneys over to students as a free gift but to require some reasonable service in return.

4. *Resolved,* further, That Synod ask the Board of Directors to study, in conjunction with the various District boards for indigent students and boards of control, the possibility and feasibility of arranging work at Synod's institutions for such students as receive support from Districts or conferences and that the plan agreed upon shall be put into effect by the Board of Directors.

5. *Resolved,* finally, That Synod encourage its congregations and the societies within the congregations to make efforts to provide the indigent student treasuries at our colleges and seminaries with funds, so that the self-support of indigent students through employment at our institutions may be furthered and may be continued if and when the Federal Government withdraws its N. Y. A. support.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

These resolutions also dispose of the following Overture 713 on

Self-Support of Indigent Students

"WHEREAS, The Indigent Students' Fund of the several synodical Districts are frequently in a state of financial depression; and

"WHEREAS, Each synodical institution affords opportunity for secretarial service and manual labor; and

"WHEREAS, The Federal Government provides funds, while the several institutions of higher learning provide employment for worthy students, the whole plan coming under the head of the N. Y. A. (National Youth Administration); therefore be it

"*Resolved,* That the Southern District petition the General Body to *devise a plan for the self-support of worthy indigent students at our synodical institutions similar in scope to the N. Y. A.*"

SOUTHERN DISTRICT,
Ev. Luth. Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States
A. H. KLAMT, *Secretary*

When Shall a District Become Self-Supporting?

(Memorial 504)

According to synodical regulation Mr. A. W. Huge, Auditor of Synod, visits every subsidized District annually for the purpose of an audit. The Home Mission Board is guided to some degree by his report in fixing the subsidies. The following quotations from his reports are offered not in vainglory but in the spirit of meekness for the mere purpose of describing the situation of a subsidized District:

"The Southern California District, despite its great ambition to become self-supporting, is everything but self-centered and in an exemplary manner tries to hold up its part of the entire synodical program. . . . Each year during the past five years the synodical apportionment has been increased and the District apportionment decreased.

	1932	1936
"General Body	19.6%	32.4%
District Missions	51.7%	39.4%

". . . In addition to the regular apportionment for Synod an additional $649.52 was paid to Synod during the year 1932, an additional $211.59 during 1934, and an extra $247.94 during the past year. Finally there is this year the outstanding example of dividing the synodical apportionment by twelve and remitting one-twelfth each month, whether collected or not. If this synodical consciousness and cooperation as found in the Central, Southern California, and several other Districts could be scattered broadcast, we would have gone a long way in the solution of our synodical problems." (1936.)

"What was said in my last year's reports relative to the synodical consciousness and sincere ambition of the Southern California District to hold up its part of the entire synodical program despite its great ambition to become self-supporting, again applies this year.

	1932	1937
"General Body	19.6%	38.9%
District Missions	51.7%	38.3%

"This year again $830.27 was taken from the Contingent Reserve Fund to add to the regular budget apportionment to Synod. . . . Finally, the rather outstanding policy of dividing the synodical apportionment by twelve and remitting one-twelfth each month, whether collected or not, is being continued. It should be brought out that this one-twelfth each month does not give consideration to special items for synodical purposes. These are remitted as extras. . . .

"With each succeeding visit the trend toward self-support on the part of Southern California seems more pronounced. The expressions made me feel that this commendable ambition may be realized within the next five years." (1937.)

The reason why the Southern California District is not closer to its financial goal lies in the fact that Synod annually increases the synodical apportionment while the District Mission work demands an annual increase of the District budget.

"Man darf nicht klagen; man darf sich nicht aergern; man darf sich aber wundern." The Southern California District is kept well informed on synodical matters. It is only natural that the members of the District register surprise and wonder at the peculiar movements of the apportionment system as it affects some, and does not affect other, Districts.

The Southern California District is not complaining, but it is seeking the opinion of the Hon. Synod on the question: Is it wise and expedient, is it for the common good, local and general, that a District becomes self-supporting when it arrives financially at a point where the decreased synodical subsidy balances with the increased synodical apportionment?

We advance some arguments for the affirmative. Independence from a synodical subsidy relieves from the tension of responsibility attending the subsidy, since the synodical subsidy is only conditional, and from the strain of shouldering a fixed obligation imposed by the apportionment system, which the Southern California District assumes now in all seriousness and conscientiousness, to be replaced by the freedom of an honest District pledge. District independence relieves from the burden of supervision, correspondence, travel, and expense. District independence eliminates the danger of misunderstanding and the nip and tuck of adjustment. It encourages to greater activity in local and general work rendered with the cheerfulness of independence.

And we offer some arguments against independence. District independence, in a case like this, means isolation and withdrawal from general synodical work. It tends to limit the scope of interest and service in world-wide work; for the dollar given by a District to Synod is appropriated to other places and purposes than when retained by, and assigned to, the District. Districts advise their missions to accept a subsidy, though subsidy and District contribution balance.

This matter is a burning question in the Southern California District. It became so because of the annual increase of the synodical apportionment and the technical condition on which the promise of subsidy is based, so that the subsidy is unreliable while

the payment of the apportionment is reliable in the form of an unconditional pledge.

If the reply to our question is negative, we respectfully plead that the Hon. Synod instruct its Fiscal Conference to accept an honest District pledge of an annual contribution, paid monthly, in lieu of an arbitrary apportionment. Or what other advice would the Hon. Synod offer besides the encouragement that the Southern California District become more fruitful also financially?

May God's richest blessings rest upon the convention!

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FISCAL CONFERENCE
FINANCE COMMITTEE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
of the Southern California District

per

WALTER F. TROEGER, *Vice-President*
F. J. SCHINNERER, *Director*
G. H. SMUKAL, *President*
Committee

G. H. SMUKAL, *Chairman*

Committee 14 reported:

One question involved in this overture is this. A District is subsidized by Synod; it receives, let us say, $10,000. Though the District receives a subsidy from Synod, it is expected to contribute something to Synod's treasury; the amount is determined by the Fiscal Conference. Now, if a District which receives as a subsidy $10,000 is asked by the Fiscal Conference to contribute to Synod's budget the sum of $10,000, would it not be just as well for the District to become independent? This would mean that the District does not get any subsidy from Synod and does not contribute toward Synod.

Your Committee is of the opinion that Synod advise subsidized Districts by adopting the following resolution:

Resolved, That a subsidized District, as a rule, ought not to seek to become independent until it can do both, a) conduct its work without a subsidy and b) still continue to contribute its proportionate share to Synod.

Another question involved in this memorial is this: Is it wise to increase the annual budget for the Southern California District since this District considers the amount apportioned to it by the Fiscal Conference as a sacred obligation and sends its contribution each month in full; or ought an honest pledge by the Southern California District to be accepted by the Fiscal Conference instead of an apportionment?

Our Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That Synod refer to the Fiscal Conference the answer to the question whether in the future an honest pledge shall be accepted from any District instead of the present method of apportionment.

Resolved, further, That Synod encourage all such Districts as are contributing either their full quota or a larger percent of their quota than other Districts not to become weary in well-doing but to rejoice in the fact that the faith of the Christians in their District is vitalized and is bringing rich fruit.

Resolved, furthermore, That Synod encourage all such Districts as are falling far short of reaching their apportionment to continue faithfully and prayerfully in their efforts in the firm faith that the Lord of the Church in His own time will let them see the fruits of their prayers and their work.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

WORLD'S FAIRS AND EXPOSITIONS

(Memorial 805. Unprinted Memorial 37)

Appropriation for a Lutheran Exhibit at the International Exposition in San Francisco

The Lutheran Committee for the San Francisco Golden Gate International Exposition, appointed by resolution of the California and Nevada District of Synod, begs leave to petition Synod as follows:

WHEREAS, All Christians are commissioned by our Lord and Savior to preach the Gospel to every creature and to teach all nations; and

WHEREAS, It is a special grace of our kind and loving God that our Evangelical Lutheran Missouri Synod still retains the Gospel of Christ Jesus in all its truth and purity; and

WHEREAS, Our beloved Synod has enjoyed the visible proof of divine blessing during the entire period of its existence; and

WHEREAS, Synod now observes the centennial of the coming of its Saxon fathers to this glorious land, in which they through Synod were to be so great a blessing; and

WHEREAS, We have a special opportunity also through the Golden Gate International Exposition, which will be held at San Francisco in 1939, to exhibit to many millions of people the visible proof of divine blessing and our appreciation for the contribution

which particularly the Saxon fathers made to establish our doctrinal position and activity in joyous thanksgiving unto the Lord and the high encouragement to our Lutheran Church for the future; and

WHEREAS, The city of San Francisco also bears marked importance in the development of our Lutheran Church, our fathers having selected it as the first base for its work on the Pacific Coast in the early years of its long history; and

WHEREAS, Other church-bodies, and especially the cults are planning pretentious exhibits of their activities at the Golden Gate International Exposition; and

WHEREAS, It is contemplated to devote the sum of five thousand dollars to a Lutheran exhibit in connection with the Golden Gate International Exposition and to arrange a program of special features which will modestly but worthily represent the cause and work of our Synod; and

WHEREAS, It is planned that one half of this sum be gathered through the efforts of fellow-Lutherans on the Pacific Coast, in the California and Nevada District, the Oregon and Washington District, and the Southern California District, three subsidized Districts carrying a heavy program of Home Missions; therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition Synod to appropriate the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars to help make possible such a Lutheran exhibit and presentation at the San Francisco Golden Gate International Exposition in 1939.

THE LUTHERAN COMMITTEE FOR THE GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONAL EXPOSITION
F. H. MENZEL, *Chairman*
AUGUST HANSEN, *Secretary*

Approved by the San Francisco Bay Pastoral Conference and the Sacramento Valley Pastoral Conference.

Request for Appropriation for Producing Lutheran Programs at the New York World's Fair, 1939

The undersigned committee, appointed pursuant to a resolution of the Atlantic District of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States for the purpose of presenting the Lutheran message to visitors at the 1939 World's Fair, respectfully petitions Synod as follows:

WHEREAS, The 1939 New York World's Fair has set aside a large plot of ground within the World's Fair grounds; and

WHEREAS, It has also formed a subsidiary corporation, called "Temple of Religion, Inc.," which proposes upon this space to erect an edifice to be named "Temple of Religion"; and

WHEREAS, This temple is to be used for presenting religion through the following media: 1. convocations, meetings, etc.; 2. music; 3. pageants and dramas; and

WHEREAS, The 1939 World's Fair is an international exhibition, which will present exhibits and draw visitors from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, We have been informed by the World's Fair authorities that the Lutheran Church will be given opportunities to present its message in connection with this building; and

WHEREAS, The presentation of programs should be by the very best talent available within our Church; and

WHEREAS, It will require funds to help get this talent to New York City and also to advertise our programs in our circles,

Now therefore, your Committee respectfully *requests* that Synod grant it an appropriation of $2,000 for this purpose.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT LUTHERAN WORLD'S FAIR COMMITTEE
per HERBERT THIEN, *Chairman*

Members of Committee:

DR. ARTHUR BRUNN, *ex officio*
HERBERT THIEN, *Chairman*
REV. HOWARD L. HALTER, *Secretary*
REV. AUGUST BRUNN
REV. LOUIS H. J. HENZE
J. F. E. NICKELSBURG
PROF. L. H. W. RABE

Regarding appropriations for a Lutheran exhibit at the International Exposition in San Francisco in 1939 and for Lutheran programs at the New York World's Fair in 1939, *Committee 14 introduced* the following *resolution:*

Resolved, That Synod encourage the brethren in the West and in the East to finance and promote through local agencies programs and exhibits at the coming World's Fair and Exposition and that Synod abide by its former policy of not appropriating anything toward financing exhibits or programs at expositions or world's fairs.

The *amendment* was made to appropriate $2,000 for the New York World's Fair and $2,500 for the International Exposition at San Francisco and that the entire matter be referred to the Fiscal Conference.

Action of Synod: The amended resolution was *adopted.*

SUPPORT AND PENSION MATTERS

Report of the Board of Support

(Memorial 704)

For the seventh time your Board of Support submits its triennial report to the Hon. Synod assembled in convention.

For our regular meetings in the past three years we again have enjoyed the hospitality of the Concordia Mutual Benefit League at Chicago.

As a result of the division of the Iowa District the number of advisory District boards increased from 30 to 31. Now the total number of men engaged in the work of investigating the requests coming before your Board is more than one hundred.

Once in three years, immediately before the convention of the General Body, representatives of the District boards meet with us as the "Support Conference" in order to become personally acquainted, to study our particular problems, and to agree on a uniform practise in solving them. Usually several members of the committee appointed by the President to deliberate on our report and to make suitable recommendations to Synod attended our conference in order to become more familiar with our work.

One of our greatest problems still arises from the deplorable fact that it becomes more and more difficult to place workers of middle age who without fault of theirs, but not on account of illness, lost their position and cannot find other employment, but are well able and willing to serve for a number of years if some congregation would call them. Synod ruled that "cases of need which do not come within the scope of the operation of the Board of Support shall be referred to the Board of Relief." This is being done, and the Board of Relief is granting them subsidies for immediate need, but cannot offer a permanent solution.

The regulations are strictly enforced. Every applicant fills out a blank with more than 50 questions, not only when the first request is made but annually. This application must be countersigned by the pastor and an impartial member of the respective congregation and then submitted to the District Board. After careful consideration the District Board forwards the request with its recommendation to the General Board for final action. This double check prevents hasty action and protects both the applicant and the fund. Whenever the circumstances of a beneficiary improve sufficiently, he or she is asked to forego further help from Synod; four applications were withdrawn on account of assistance received from the respective States. Still the number of beneficiaries is constantly growing.

What may be expected in this department is illustrated by a comparison of Synod's growth and the increase of Support liabilities. From 1918 to 1936, 38 per cent. were added to the communicant membership of Synod; during the same period the number of applications in force jumped from 300 in 1918 to 808 in 1936, an "expansion" of 169 per cent.

If we compare the total number of persons supported in the last ten years it may appear that the increase is not very pronounced; but there is a rather surprising phenomenon, which to some extent explains the increased demands made on our funds. Comparing the changes during the last ten years, we are confronted by the following situation:

	1926	Per-cent	1936	Per-cent	Increase	Per-cent
Applications in force	577	—	808	—	31	40%
Adults supported	753	59%	1,017	66%	264	35%
Children supported	527	41%	524	34%	less 3	less 1%
Total number supported	1,280	100%	1,541	100%	261	21%
Persons per application	2.2	—	1.9	—	less 0.3	less 16%

From this tabulation it is evident that in ten years the number of adults on our roll grew by 35 per cent. while the number of children dropped by 1 per cent. Whatever other meaning this phenomenon may have, it explains why the demands grow much faster than the number of beneficiaries, because an adult needs about three times as much as a child.

Everything considered, Synod's actual expense for this department was comparatively modest. If we deduct the amount accruing from the L. L. L. and other invested funds, we find that only seven cents of every collected budget dollar are used for this large department. When we consider that there is a force of more than 5,000 workers engaged in the activities of our Church and that the Board of Support is held responsible for all the disabled, the infirm, the widows, the orphans, and other dependents produced by this mighty army, which is scattered over five continents, and that your Board may be called Synod's combined old people's home, hospital, orphanage, asylum, and almshouse, the demands have been comparatively small.

Still $240,000 has been set aside for this year's budget, and in view of the growing number of our workers that amount will have to be steadily increased for many years to come, unless the participation in the Pension Plan becomes general. We are confident, however, that for 1939 we shall have to ask for an increased appropriation for the last time; after that the effect of the pension annuities should permit us to keep house with the same amount and then gradually to decrease the annual requisition.

As much as our limited equipment permitted, we again have solicited *annuity gifts* for support and are happy to report that about $7,000 was received in the last triennium. The donors receive a liberal interest for life. About the same amount of former gifts has matured and was added to the endowment funds. This branch of our work should receive more publicity in our circles.

Our plea and Synod's repeated recommendation to use the *Memorial Gift* (*Mindekranz*) for the benefit of the Support Fund in accord with the original idea of that custom was given little consideration by the clergy and laity in our circles, as the acknowledgments of the treasurers indicate. Even at funerals of workers whose families became an immediate obligation of our Board most of the memorials were designated for other purposes. May we again appeal in behalf of the Veteran of the Cross and his widow? In the majority of cases our congregations and societies heed the advice of their pastors and teachers in such matters. Appropriate cards are still offered gratis.

The matter of the *personal contributions* by the workers through the conference solicitor has been mentioned in the report on pensions.

May the gratitude for the unsearchable riches of Christ for which, under God, we are indebted to the faithful labors of those men who have spoken unto us the Word of God constrain our beloved Synod to "provide honest [liberal, noble] things not only in the sight of the Lord but also in the sight of men!" 2 Cor. 8:21.

Most respectfully your servants in the Lord,

THE BOARD OF SUPPORT

F. G. KUEHNERT, *Chairman* O. KOLB, SR., *Secretary*

C. H. DEHNING THEODORE DOERING WALTER J. MEYER

Report of Board of Support and Pensions

(Memorial 705)

The Board of Support and Pensions respectfully submits to the Ven. Synod the following report.

By resolution of the Cleveland Convention your Board of Support together with five advisory members, appointed by the Ven. Board of Directors, completed the pension plan which had been submitted to the convention by a committee appointed in 1932. With the help of expert counsel sufficient progress was made to enable the Hon. President and his representatives to submit a preliminary report on the plan to the District conventions in 1936. During the sessions of the Fiscal Conference at River Forest in

September, 1936, the plan was approved by the College of Presidents and the Board of Directors. Copies of the plan were mailed to the more than 5,000 workers, and a more detailed report was presented to the District conventions of 1937 by the office of the President and by members of the Board. In order fully to comply with Synod's instruction that "the plan be based on a safe and sound actuarial basis" and to safeguard the solvency of the fund at all times, the retirement and widow's benefits for a number of years will be small. Still both clergy and laity almost without exception welcomed the plan with deep interest and great satisfaction. When the plan was instituted on October 1, 1937, more than 600 workers and 350 congregations had registered, practically all District boards had voted to participate, the Fiscal Conference had added the necessary funds to the 1938 budget for the workers salaried by the synodical boards, and almost $4,000 in advance payments had been remitted.

To date we have recorded 1,396 workers and 642 congregations, and the fund has a balance of $59,000.

The system has been instituted and operated with a minimum of overhead expense. The creation and equipment of a new office was avoided. The office of the Board of Support, now called Board of Support and Pensions, has charge of the executive functions, our Fiscal Office at St. Louis does the collecting and general accounting, and Synod's Board of Trustees for Trust Funds invests the funds. Under this fortunate arrangement the annuities do not have to be reduced to meet overhead expenses, but our veterans, widows, and orphans will receive the full benefit of the workers' and the salary-paying organizations' contributions and the accruing interest.

However, your Board is convinced, and we believe this conviction is shared by the Hon. Board of Directors and the College of Presidents, that the incorporation in the plan of two special benefits is extremely desirable in order to assure the efficiency and general adoption of the plan. The funds necessary for the operation of these two features should not be taken from the regular contributions, because that would result in a general reduction of the regular retirement and widows' annuities. These special benefits are devised chiefly to assist the worker's widow in meeting the heavy expense at the time of her husband's death and to grant an additional subsidy to the retired veteran of advanced age and to his widow during those years when the regular pension annuity will be small. These benevolences were embodied in the original plan as adopted in September, 1937, but subsequently partly suspended in order to give Synod an opportunity to ratify and, if possible, to increase them.

We therefore memorialize Synod

1. To set aside the income of the Permanent Support Fund (balance on January 31, 1938: $194,754.31) as a special fund, which, together with other available funds, shall be used to provide a cash death-benefit for the families of retired and dues-paying members, as stated Paragraph II, Section E, page 21, which reads:

"*Special Benefits.* For the families of members, retired or dues-paying, who have joined within three months after they became eligible (October 1, 1937, or when becoming active) and who have remitted from that date continuously, a cash death-benefit shall be immediately available. For those who have joined more than three months after they became eligible and for those who were reinstated after delinquency, the death-benefit will become operative six months after entry or reinstatement under like conditions."

To this is to be added the following paragraph:

"The death-benefit shall be such amount as the proceeds of the Permanent Fund and other available funds justify, but not to exceed $250 for members whose salary-paying organization or organizations did participate; and not to exceed $150 for members whose organizations did not participate, provided that in the case of a member or his organization deferring the taking of membership such benefit will be reduced at the rate of $25 for each year of delayed membership; but in no case shall the reduced amount be less than $100. A like reduction shall apply in the case of any year of membership during which the required dues of the member or of his participating organization were not paid in full. For those who join on or before October 1, 1938, the $25 for not participating during the first year shall not be deducted, but the death-benefit shall not become operative until six months after entry, except for workers who have joined three months after becoming eligible. The Board shall have the right to deduct the arrears of the member or of his participating organization from the death-benefit."

The income of this fund, by consent of its originators and contributors, has in times past been used for the expenses of the Board of Support. The fund originated in 1917 when Synod created the Board of Support and directed that the District *Unterstuetzungskassen* be discontinued. One of the District boards had a considerable balance and asked that $3,000 of this balance be permanently invested as a nucleus for a future pension fund. At the same time many pastors' and teachers' conferences desired that their personal contributions be also accumulated for the same purpose. This fund for a number of years was carried on the Treasurer's books as the "Conference *Pension* Fund"; but subsequently, on

account of the confusing variety of funds (the regular Board of Support treasury, the L. L. L. Endowment Fund, the Annuity Gift Fund, the Permanent Support Fund, and the Conference Pension Fund) it was amalgamated with the Permanent Support Fund. Although the term "pension" was omitted, the original purpose of the fund was to strengthen a Pension Fund when the time of its creation by Synod would come. The interest of this fund should have been accumulated, but in view of the insufficiency of the subsidies granted to our veterans and widows it was permitted to be used for the immediate need. Now the time has come when the Permanent Support Fund can be used for that purpose which its originators and most of its contributors had in mind. Since its present income is only about $6,000 to $7,000, its withdrawal from the budget income will not hamper the work of Synod. On the contrary, without a reasonable death-benefit many of our workers will be tempted to seek such protection from insurance companies, our resources will be scattered, the pension plan will suffer, its purpose will not be fully achieved, and as a result heavier demands will be made on the Board of Support and on Synod's budget.

The Second Special Benefit

We furthermore petition Synod

2. "To instruct the Board of Support to grant to workers retiring at the age of seventy years or over after a membership of not less than one year a free subsidy for life to increase the pension annuity to a minimum of $300 a year and that of his widow to $180 a year, provided that the worker has been active in the Missouri Synod for not less than thirty-five years and that his widow was married to him for at least ten years prior to his retirement. A proportionate reduction of the worker's and the widow's subsidy is to be made if the worker failed to join within three months after he became eligible for membership or if his salary-paying organization participated not at all or only in part. If this income does not provide for the reasonable needs, the Board of Support shall supplement the annuities after the regular application has been submitted, and according to the current rates."

This second special benefit will be only a temporary measure. Since the actual or potential pension annuities of the workers will increase every year, the subsidy necessary to bring them up to a minimum of $300, respectively $180, will decrease in proportion from year to year, and when the regular pension annuities will have reached the amount of $300, there will be no more subsidies, and the entire arrangement is automatically abolished.

The advantages of this feature are obvious.

1. It will encourage workers of advanced years who in view of the short period of service before them can expect only a nominal benefit from the regular pension to join the fund together with their congregations.

2. It will make it easier for workers whose strength is spent and who are no longer fully able to perform their official duties efficiently to retire without being subjected to a searching investigation into their personal circumstances.

3. The amount invested by Synod in this manner will do much to relieve the idle-candidate problem.

In order to enhance the efficiency of this measure, we would recommend that Synod consider an increase of the minimum to $360 or even $400 a year.

In this connection Synod might reconsider the resolution adopted in 1904 and repeated at almost every subsequent convention, to the effect that all workers make an annual voluntary contribution for support through the solicitor to be elected by their respective conferences. Those workers who contribute 4 per cent. of their salaries to the Pension Fund should be exempted from that obligation, since by that very act they relieve the Board of Support of its eventual obligation toward them and their dependents.

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF SUPPORT AND PENSIONS
F. G. KUEHNERT, *Chairman*

Regarding the *name and personnel of this board, Committee 15 recommended:*

1. That the Board of Support henceforth be called the Board of Support and Pensions.

2. That the Board of Support and Pensions shall consist of ten members.

a) Five of these shall live in reasonably close proximity to one another: one pastor, one teacher, and three laymen. These five shall constitute a subcommittee, with power to act in routine matters.

b) Five members at large: two pastors, one teacher, and two laymen. These together with the subcommittee shall determine more important matters.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

In regard to the *Pension Plan, Committee 15* reported:

At the Cleveland Convention it was resolved:

"That Synod institute a pension system for its servants of the Word;

"That the pension plan be elastic and flexible in order to fit the various conditions and possibilities obtaining in Synod;

"That the plan be based on a safe and sound actuarial foundation."

To carry out the proposed pension system, it was furthermore resolved:

"That Synod's Board of Support, together with an Advisory Pension Committee of not fewer than five members, appointed by the Board of Directors, be directed to institute the pension system;

"That the details of the plan and its execution must be approved by Synod's Board of Directors and the College of Presidents;

"That the Board of Directors be authorized to make the necessary expenditures incurred by the establishment of a pension system."

In accordance with these resolutions your Board of Support, together with five advisory members appointed by the Board of Directors, Pastors F. A. Hertwig, E. G. Nachtsheim, Teacher Theo. M. Kosche, Mr. George Weigle, and Mr. Richard Borrenpohl, completed the plan which had been submitted to the convention by a committee appointed in 1932, and with the help of expert counsel and after most careful deliberation and consultation instituted a pension system on October 1, 1937.

When the plan was instituted, more than 600 workers and 350 congregations had registered, practically all District boards had voted to participate, the Fiscal Conference had added the necessary funds to the 1938 budget for the workers salaried by the synodical boards, and almost $4,000 in advance payments had been remitted. To date, after less than nine months have elapsed, 1,447 workers and 686 congregations are recorded, and the fund has a balance of $80,000.

In view of the short time that the pension system has been in operation and in view of the fact that many workers and congregations have not as yet given the pension system serious consideration, the results thus far attained are most gratifying. Be it

Resolved, That a hearty vote of thanks be given the Board of Support as well as the Advisory Committee for services faithfully rendered.

Since the Pension System is now Synod's system of support, all workers and congregations are earnestly urged to make Synod's system, if possible, their own.

We note with satisfaction that the system has been instituted and operated with a minimum of overhead expense, or service charge. The creation and equipment of a new office was avoided. The office of the Board of Support, now called Board of Support and Pensions, has charge of the executive functions, our Fiscal Office

at St. Louis does the collecting and general accounting, and Synod's Board of Trustees for Synod's Trust Funds invests the funds. Be it

Resolved, That Synod voice its approval of this efficient and economical arrangement and that it thank the Fiscal Office and the Board of Trustees for Synod's Trust Funds for such services.

Action of Synod: This report with its resolutions was *adopted.*

Committee 15 considered also *various suggestions concerning revision of the Pension Plan,* as contained in Overtures 705 and 706, and *reported:*

Overture 706 suggests a minimum pension for life of $600 for a married worker and $420 for a single person or for a widow. It recommends that a worker becomes eligible after thirty years of service in the Missouri Synod. It authorizes the Treasurer of Synod, with the consent of the Lutheran Laymen's League, to draw from the capital of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund any amount necessary beyond the amount now received from the interest of the L. L. L. Fund and the Synodical Budget.

As far as the *capital of the L. L. L. Endowment Fund* is concerned, be it

Resolved, That Synod concur in the position taken by the Board of Directors, namely, that "the L. L. L. Endowment Fund be kept intact and its income used in accordance with the original intention and agreement, at least for the present." (Page 219, No. 3.)

The suggestion that a definite *minimum pension* be allowed under certain conditions meets with our approval but not to the extent or with the time of service limit as set forth in the overture.

However, we recommend for your adoption the following *resolution:*

Resolved, That Synod instruct the Board of Support and Pensions to grant to workers retiring at the age of sixty-eight years or over after a membership of not less than one year a free subsidy for life to increase the pension annuity to a minimum of $360 a year and that of his widow to $180 a year, provided that the worker has been active in the Missouri Synod for not less than thirty-five years and that his widow was married to him for at least ten years prior to his retirement. A proportionate reduction of the worker's and the widow's subsidy is to be made if the worker failed to join within three months after he became eligible for membership or if his salary-paying organization participated not at all or only in part. If this income does not provide for the reasonable needs, the Board of Support and Pensions shall supplement the annuities after the regular application has been submitted, and according to the current rates.

We furthermore recommend to Synod that to Paragraph III, Section E, page 21, which reads: "Special Benefits. For the families of members, retired or dues-paying, who have joined within three months after they became eligible (October 1, 1937, or when becoming active) and who have remitted from that date continuously, a cash death-benefit shall be immediately available. For those who have joined more than three months after they became eligible and for those who were reinstated after delinquency, the death-benefit will become operative six months after entry or reinstatement under life conditions," the following paragraph be added: "The death benefit shall be such amount as available funds justify, but not to exceed $250 for members whose salary-paying organization or organizations did participate; and not to exceed $150 for members whose organizations did not participate, provided that in the case of a member's or his organization's deferring the taking of membership such benefit will be reduced at the rate of $25 for each year of delayed membership; but in no case shall the reduced amount be less than $100. A like reduction shall apply in the case of any year of membership during which the required dues of the member or of his participating organization were not paid in full. For those who join on or before October 1, 1938, the $25 for not participating during the first year shall not be deducted, but the death benefit shall not become operative until six months after entry, except for workers who have joined three months after becoming eligible. The Board shall have the right to deduct the arrears of the member or of his participating organization from the death benefit."

Resolved, That the Fiscal Conference be authorized and instructed to make the necessary appropriations for the death benefit and minimum benefit; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That all workers continue to make voluntary contributions for support.

In order to safeguard the Pension Plan against any possible hasty action, we suggest that Paragraph VII be amended to read as follows:

The plan or any part thereof may be amended (a) by Synod assembled in regular convention, provided that the proposed amendment has been submitted in writing to the Board not less than seven weeks prior to the opening of the convention and has been printed in the official *Reports and Memorials* to the Delegate Synod; or (b) by the Board with the consent of the Board of Directors, subject to ratification by Synod.

We submit the following amendment to Part IV. Finances, Section H, Support; Chapter II, Pension System:

Paragraph IV: The District subcommittees of the Board of Support shall represent the Board of Support and Pensions in their respective Districts on such matters concerning pensions as are brought to their attention from time to time by the Board of Support and Pensions.

Action of Synod: Synod *adopted* the above resolutions and amendments.

On Memorial 707, which advocated the *elimination of the socialized allocation* from the Pension Plan, *Committee 15 reported:*

We recommend that Synod endorse the principle of socialized allocation as embodied in the Pension Plan.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted,* as was also the following:

Resolved, That a special vote of thanks be extended to Teacher O. Kolb, Sr., who after twenty-one years of faithful service as secretary of the Board declines nomination.

General Resolutions Regarding Support and Pensions

Committee 15 reported:

While it behooves us in this centennial year to remember with gratitude to God the Veterans of the Cross who one hundred years ago came to this land of promise, here to live and to labor, to sacrifice and to serve, but who long since have entered into their promised rest, it behooves us no less to remember the Veterans of the Cross who still are with us, who after a life of faithful service in the Church can no longer carry on but must resign themselves to a period of patient waiting until the Lord shall call them hence. It behooves us to remember them in their old age, even as they remembered us in their prime of life, and to minister to them and their dependents as their needs may require in things temporal, even as they have ministered to us in things spiritual.

Synod as such is mindful of this duty and hence includes in its financial budget the item of support and elects a Board of Support and Pensions, which according to the regulations prescribed and to the extent that funds are available seeks to discharge this sacred duty. Be it

Resolved, That Synod commend the Board for faithful and conscientious performance of duty also during the triennium now closed.

We direct Synod's attention to the fact that, while the number of dependent children supported has slightly decreased in a period of ten years, 1926–1936, the number of supported adults has materially increased. Since an adult needs about three times as much as a child, and since the total number of applications in force has increased by 40 per cent. in the same decade, whereas the support granted has been greatly reduced, it is evident that the item of support should receive increased consideration in the budget. We recommend that Synod so advise the Fiscal Conference.

We direct attention to the following statements of the Board of Support and Pensions: "Our plea and Synod's repeated recommendation to use the Memorial Wreath (*Mindekranz*) for the benefit of the Support Fund in accord with the original idea of that custom was given little consideration by the clergy and laity in our circles, as the acknowledgments of the treasurers indicate. Even at funerals of workers whose families became an immediate obligation of our Board most of the memorials were designated for other purposes. May we again appeal in behalf of the Veteran of the Cross and his widow? In the majority of cases our congregations and societies heed the advice of their pastors and teachers in such matters. Appropriate cards are still offered gratis." We endorse this plea and recommend that it be brought to the attention of our people.

We finally recommend that we continue to remember our Veterans and their dependents in fervent prayer before God.

Action of Synod: This report with its recommendations was *adopted.*

IX. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

APPEALS

A. Report of Committee 19 A on the Brux Reappeal Case

Your Committee 19 A was instructed to examine the appeal of Dr. Adolph A. Brux. We have had six lengthy sessions with the appellant and the members of the Board for Foreign Missions. A complete stenographic record of the proceedings was made, a transcript of which will be handed the Secretary of Synod.

The appeal of Dr. Adolph A. Brux reads as follows: "Since the Board of Foreign Missions and its General Secretary have failed to carry out both the resolution adopted by Synod at Cleveland in 1935 with respect to my case and promises made by the Board's representatives in committee and have thereby violated the settlement achieved by Synod, I respectfully reappeal my case to Synod. I request, furthermore, that Synod take appropriate action with respect to Dr. W. Arndt of Concordia Theological Seminary for his

refusal to substantiate or to withdraw a charge made against me to another brother and myself in private correspondence, likewise for his refusal to make proper Christian amends to another brother and myself for misrepresenting facts with regard to me, though repeated representations to him were made both by that brother and myself."

Chicago, Ill., April 1, 1938 (Signed) ADOLPH A. BRUX

This appeal first charges that the Board for Foreign Missions and its General Secretary have failed to carry out both the resolutions adopted by Synod at Cleveland, in 1935, with respect to Dr. Brux's case and the promise made by the Board's representatives in committee and that they have thereby violated the settlement achieved by Synod.

In the second part of the appeal Dr. Brux requests that Synod take appropriate action with respect to Dr. W. Arndt of Concordia Theological Seminary for his refusal to substantiate or withdraw a charge made against Dr. Brux to another brother and himself in private correspondence; likewise, that Dr. Arndt refused to make proper Christian amends to another brother and Dr. Brux for misrepresenting facts with regard to Dr. Brux, though repeated representations to him were made both by that brother and Dr. Brux.

In regard to the first charge, your Committee is of the opinion that the Board for Foreign Missions has made efforts to carry out the resolution of Synod to return Dr. Brux to India in accordance with Synod's resolution adopted at Cleveland in 1935:

"Since Dr. Brux has spent so many years in very special preparation for the work as missionary to the Mohammedans, and since he has proved himself especially qualified to bring the Gospel to the Mohammedans, we recommend that he be returned to the field of his former endeavors."

The opinion of your Committee is based on the following documentary evidence taken from the minutes of a special board meeting of the Board for Foreign Missions held on October 7, 1935.

[The following part of the report of the committee was not read to the convention.

"That we made conscientious and continued efforts since the late Delegate Synod to understand, and put into effect, the resolutions relating to Dr. A. A. Brux and his return to India. In proof we point to the following facts:

"*July 1.* Immediately after Synod our Executive Committee met. The minutes say: 'Since the Dr. A. A. Brux case has been adjusted by Synod and Synod recommends his return to India, it was *resolved* to ask him and his family to submit to a medical examination,' which is required of all our outgoing missionaries. In a letter

dated *July 1* Dir. Brand wrote to Dr. Brux as follows: 'At a meeting of our Executive Committee today it was resolved to ask you to submit at an early date to a complete medical examination by a physician qualified to determine

" '1) What the exact nature of your health is;

" '2) Whether you are in a physical condition to return to the Orient in the near future.

" 'The same request is voiced by us with respect to Mrs. Brux and all your children. . . . We are aware that you were under a rather severe nervous strain recently and therefore need the findings of your physician before we can take any further steps. . . .'

"*July 3.* Dr. Brux answered: 'I herewith acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 1. We are considering the choice of a doctor here. . . . No doubt you realize that I must know definitely at once what my present status is with respect to salary. Am I now on salary or not? In case the medical examination should result — contrary to our hopes — in an unfavorable verdict, will I be on salary until I shall have obtained a call here in the States? Please give me a clear reply to each of these two questions. Each day of delay may deprive the family and myself of necessary earnings.'

"*July 6. Resolved* to approach the Board of Directors for 'the moneys needed in case we call and send him [Dr. Brux] out.'

"*It was also resolved* to make Dr. Brux 'a one-time allowance of $150 to tide him over.'

"*July 8.* Dr. Brand answered Dr. Brux's letter of July 3 as follows: 'I submitted your letter of July 3, 1935, to the board. In answer to your two questions I was instructed to write you:

" '1) That you are not on salary of the Board;

" '2) That you will not be on salary of the Board until you have obtained a call here in the States in case the medical examination to which we asked you and your family to submit should result in an unfavorable verdict;

" '3) That a one-time grant of $150 be made to you, which will reach you as soon as we can get the money from the Fiscal Office.

" 'Since you asked for a "clear reply to each of the two questions," we trust the foregoing will be satisfactory.

" 'May I ask you to be kind enough to give my address to the physician who made your medical examination in order to enable him to communicate with the Board directly? We shall be very thankful to him for immediate complete clinical reports on each case.'

"*July 13.* Dir. Brand sent the check for $150 to Dr. Brux with the following remarks: 'In agreement with my recent letter I am sending you the Board's check . . . in the amount of $150, a one-

time grant to tide you over. Since you will be in need of cash, I am sending this letter via air-mail and special delivery. Meanwhile the Board is getting into touch with the Synodical Board of Directors on matters connected with the Cleveland resolutions.'

"*July 15.* Dr. Brux by card acknowledged receipt of Dr. Brand's letter of July 13 and of the check.

"*July 17.* Pastors A. Kuehnert and Paul List, chairman and secretary of the Board, respectively, personally submitted our plea for special funds for Dr. Brux (and others) to the Board of Directors.

"*July 18.* We were informed that the Board of Directors had not yet acted on our plea for special funds and that the subject would be considered at the next meeting, toward the end of August.

"*July 27.* The India Committee gave much thought to the question whether it could not 'take special steps to expedite the calling of Dr. Brux'; but none were found, lacking an enabling resolution by the Board of Directors. The following entry is found in the India Committee minutes of that date:

" 'This puts the Board for Foreign Missions into a very unenviable and delicate position because we cannot take any steps to call Dr. Brux until we know that his salary and traveling expenses are provided.'

"*July 26.* Dr. Brux inquired by card: 'I am waiting to learn what action the Board has taken with respect to me and my return to India. May I have an early reply?'

"*July 29.* Dir. Brand wrote at length to Dr. Brux as follows: 'Your card of July 26 on which you ask "what action the Board has taken with respect to me and my return to India" arrived today. I hasten to reply:

" '1) That on July 6, 1935, the Board resolved to approach the Board of Directors at a forthcoming meeting for a resolution authorizing your future salary and traveling expenses to India in addition to our present appropriation. A resolution of that kind was required since these items are not included in our 1935/36 budget appropriation.

" '2) On July 17 a committee of the Board for Foreign Missions personally submitted the foregoing request to the Board of Directors.

" '3) On inquiry we learn that for reasons not known to us no action was taken by the Board of Directors on our request. We were also informed that our request would be considered at a forthcoming meeting of the Board of Directors.

" '4) We are now considering whether any and which steps can be taken by our Board to expedite this business.

" '5) I regret very much that I am not in a position to give you a more definite answer because I realize how trying it must be to you to continue in this uncertainty. I wish to assure you though that the subject will be given further earnest consideration at our forthcoming meeting.'

"*August 1.* Dir. Brand inquired of Mr. E. Seuel whether the synodical resolution to 'return Dr. Brux to his former field of labor' does not imply that the Treasurer of Synod 'is authorized by it to place at our disposal the moneys required to carry out the resolution.'

"Dir. Brand added: 'I am asking this question because I foresee that it will involve us all in much new trouble if we defer further action in the Brux case until after the meeting of the Board of Directors at the end of the month.'

"*August 5.* Mr. Seuel replied that he did not feel competent to decide the question and pointed to the forthcoming meeting of the Board of Directors on August 27.

"*August 9.* Dr. Brux thanked Dir. Brand for his letter of July 29, requested additional information as soon as possible, and stated that he had moved to Chicago in the mean time.

"*August 14.* Dir. Brand communicated to Dr. Brux his letter of August 1 to Mr. Seuel and the answer received from Mr. Seuel and added: 'My letter to Mr. Seuel was on my own initiative and not by resolution of the Board, which, I believe, I ought to state. It is manifest that the Board for Foreign Missions will have to await the action of the Board of Directors. Meanwhile, will you kindly let me have the name and date of birth of your youngest child?'

"No answer was received.

"*August 26.* Dr. W. Arndt and Dir. Brand discussed our financial plight with a committee of the Fiscal Office and pleaded for increased funds for 1936/37 in order to provide also for Dr. Brux and others.

"*August 27.* Pastors A. Kuehnert and P. List, as a committee of the Board for Foreign Missions, again personally submitted our plea for special funds for Dr. Brux (and others) to the Board of Directors.

"*August 28.* Treasurer E. Seuel telephoned to Dir. Brand that $3,000 had been granted by the Board of Directors to send out Drs. Brux and Leckband and others.

"*August 30.* The India Committee met and approved that Dir. Brand should go to Chicago in order to obtain from Drs. Brux and Leckband certain information on their families and also their wishes with respect to steamship bookings, which Dir. Brand hoped

to make at once in Chicago. Dir. Brand left for Chicago on this mission the same night.

"*September 2.* Dir. Brand met Dr. Brux at his residence in Chicago, as his letter of September 3 to Dr. Brux shows, informed him of the recent grant of $3,000, and that he had come to discuss the steamship reservations in order that the bookings might be made without loss of time. On this occasion Dr. Brux declared that he did not understand the resolutions of the late Delegate Synod in his case as the Board does."

Here the reading of the report was resumed.]

"*September 3.* Dir. Brand wrote Dr. Brux as follows: 'When I visited you yesterday, it was for the declared purpose, as you will recall, of obtaining your wishes preparatory to making the necessary steamship reservations for you and your family for your return to India. I set forth that we had encountered no little difficulty in booking our outgoing group and had ultimately been forced to engage passage on the Cunard-P. & O. Lines. Accordingly, it would be necessary to act in your case without further delay.

" 'In the course of our conversation you stated, if my memory serves me right, that you still hold that the Board for Foreign Missions erred when it resolved not to return you to India for the reasons known to you, and also, that the South Wisconsin District erred when it resolved to sustain its Praesidium in the position which that body had taken with respect to your then availability. You also stated, if I recall correctly, that you do not agree with the interpretation my Board puts upon the report of the Strieter Committee to the late Delegate Synod, which was accepted by it.

" 'Now, I am very anxious to understand your present position fully as you outlined it to me yesterday. Would it trouble you too much to let me have it again as succinctly and clearly as you can put it into a few words?

" 'Allow me to assure you, my dear Doctor, that I am earnestly desirous of carrying out at the earliest date possible the synodical resolution to return you to your former field of labor in India and know also that the Board for Foreign Missions joins me in this position. In this spirit I came to Chicago to discuss your steamship reservations just as soon as necessary moneys had been made available to us by the Board of Directors of Synod.'

"*September 8.* Dr. Brux answered at length. A copy is attached to these minutes.

"*September 16.* Dr. Brux's letter of September 8 was submitted to the Board. Dr. W. Arndt read his 'Memorandum on the Letter Dr. Brux Sent September 8, 1935.' In this letter Dr. Brux says, among other things, 'that the Board erred in dismissing me in 1932 and that the South Wisconsin District erred in sustaining its President in his refusal to uphold my eligibility.'

"*September 16.* It was resolved by the Board to refer Dr. Brux's letter and Dr. Arndt's 'Memorandum' to the Executive Committee 'for examination and report to the Board.' "

Before the Executive Committee could meet and consider Dr. Brux's letter of September 8, and before the Board could hear and act on the requested "report" of the Executive Committee, Dr. Brux appealed to Dr. J. W. Behnken, President of Synod, September 30, 1935.

It needs to be stated that there was additional correspondence between Dr. Brux and the Board. The foregoing narrative is introduced merely to show that the Board for Foreign Missions made earnest and uninterrupted efforts to carry out the synodical resolution "to return Dr. Brux to India."

We hold that the resolution of the Cleveland Convention reinstated Dr. Brux as a missionary *in statu quo* and that he should have received the monthly salary of a missionary on furlough. We therefore recommend that Synod in brotherly love take care of Dr. Brux in financial matters as far as he is entitled to remuneration, which means that his salary be paid from December 1, 1932, to July 31, 1935.

In *accepting* this recommendation, Synod *resolved* that this action does not in any way pass judgment on the action of the Mission Board or the South Wisconsin District.

The second part of Dr. Brux's appeal reads as follows:

"I request furthermore that Synod take appropriate action with respect to Dr. W. Arndt of Concordia Theological Seminary for his refusal to substantiate or to withdraw a charge made against me to another brother and myself in private correspondence, likewise for his refusal to make proper Christian amends to another brother and myself for misrepresenting facts with regard to me, though repeated representations to him were made both by that brother and myself.

The Committee recommends that Synod adopt the following *resolution:*

WHEREAS, The matter referred to in the second part of Dr. Brux's appeal is a personal one between Dr. Brux and Dr. Arndt; and

WHEREAS, This matter has not been carried through the grades of admonition laid down by our Lord in Matt. 18 and therefore cannot be the basis of an appeal to the General Synod; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Brux has erred in making this matter public before Matt. 18 had been fully complied with; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod decline to consider the second part of Dr. Brux's appeal.

Signed: ERNST T. LAMS, *Chairman* P. C. BARTH, *Secretary*
REINHOLD ARKEBAUER WM. F. SCHULTZ
WM. J. HINZE

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted* in the above amended form.

B. Report of Committee 19 B on the Reinitz Reappeal Case

Whereas additional evidence has been produced which casts some doubt upon the justice of the action of the officials of the Minnesota and Dakota District at the time in declaring Pastor Herman Reinitz ineligible for the ministry,

We *recommend* that Synod reopen this case by turning the matter over to a special committee, with power to act. This committee is to consist of Pastor H. J. Boettcher of Edmonton, Alberta, President J. Lucht of McNutt, Saskatchewan, and Mr. T. Herzer of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Signed: PAUL KOENIG, *Chairman* GEO. M. KRACH, *Secretary*
THEO. C. BURGER ARNOLD E. POHLAND

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

C. Report of Committee 19 C on the Shobonier (Augsburg), Illinois, Case

WHEREAS, A number of irregularities are noted in the development of this case; and

WHEREAS, There now is a new pastor and also a new teacher in the congregation; and

WHEREAS, The new pastor apparently has gained the confidence of the congregation and the individuals concerned and is hopeful that he can bring this matter to a peaceful settlement under the guidance of the Spirit of God; and

WHEREAS, The new pastor feels confident that the appellants will cooperate; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod refer the appeal to the new pastor.

Signed: WALTER T. KOCH, *Chairman* H. H. MUELLER, *Secretary*
HERBERT E. PLEHN EDWIN GOCKEL
CHARLES W. REICHERT

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

D. Report of Committee 19 D on the Appeal of Mrs. Ida M. Eden

Your Committee 19 D, after due consideration of the appeal of Mrs. Ida M. Eden, Escondido, Cal., submits the following report: Be it

Resolved:

1. That the action of the synodical officials and the District Synod be upheld;

2. That Mrs. Ida M. Eden be referred to her pastor for further guidance.

Signed: JULIUS NICKEL, *Chairman* H. H. GROSS, *Secretary*
HERMAN F. GRAUER F. R. ZUCKER JOHN F. SPINDLER

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

Report of Survey Committee on Christian Stewardship and Missionary Education

(Memorial 708)

Your Committee appointed to promote Stewardship and Missionary Education (*see Proceedings 1935,* p. 277) herewith submits the following report:

1) The Committee met seven times in fifteen sessions to consider the duties that had been assigned to it and to develop a feasible and proper method of discharging these obligations.

2) In our deliberations we were guided by the recommendations adopted at the Cleveland Convention. These recommendations read as follows:

"We recommend:

"1) That the Districts which have systematically engaged in the study of Christian stewardship and missionary education be encouraged to continue their efforts and that the other Districts be urged to institute steps looking towards the realization of a more developed missionary and stewardship consciousness among their constituency;

"2) That a Survey Committee of five be named by the President and the four Vice-Presidents of Synod for the purpose of studying and surveying Christian stewardship efforts and missionary education as carried on in the various Districts and that this committee be instructed to put this plan into execution to facilitate systematic, sustained, and coordinated stewardship and missionary education throughout Synod."

3) A careful reading of these recommendations will reveal the

wide scope of the work entrusted to your Committee. What it does not at once disclose are the difficulties to be met with in the performance of the newly created tasks. Your Committee had hardly begun its work when

a) it became apparent that the wording of the recommendations of Synod admitted of divergent interpretations, which left Synod's actual intentions in doubt;

b) it became apparent also that other agencies of Synod were already officially engaged in carrying on, to a varying extent, the activities which presumably the delegates at Cleveland had in mind when they adopted the aforementioned resolutions;

c) and finally it was discovered that no appropriation had been voted your Committee nor any other provisions made for funds required in the development of an educational program including the publication of the necessary missionary and stewardship material.

4. Despite these difficulties your Committee made earnest and repeated efforts to devise a plan which would enable it to follow Synod's wishes without thereby interfering with other established official departments and their work. The major part of several meetings, to begin with, was spent in earnest attempts to arrive at a workable method of integration. No tangible results were achieved.

5) Nevertheless a limited phase of work was entered upon by your Committee. A rather comprehensive survey, according to Districts, was made to ascertain to what extent Stewardship and Mission Education were systematically carried on in our circles. Our analysis of the situation, based also upon personal observation, reveals that proper stress is placed upon this aspect of Christian life in individual cases and in certain localities but that collectiyely there is little of united and systematic action. — In addition to the survey the members of your Committee continued individual studies and discussions that had a bearing on the theory and the practical application of missionary and stewardship efforts in congregational life.

6) As the time draws near for another Delegate Synod to convene, and as we review our experiences of the past two years, we believe the following recommendations will be helpful to Synod in accomplishing the purposes for which your Committee was presumably created.

a. WHEREAS, Synod frankly realized and admitted the urgent need of a more extensive and systematic Stewardship and Missionary Education; and

b. WHEREAS, Synod caused to be created a new and special agency to offer suggestions and to give guidance in developing this essential activity as set forth (in the *Proceedings* of its 1935 convention, p. 277); and

c. WHEREAS, The preliminary work done by the Committee on Missionary and Stewardship Education reveals that a continued need for the evangelical promotion of these activities exists; and

d. WHEREAS, There has recently been appointed by the President of Synod a Centennial Call of the Cross Committee, which has adopted a program virtually covering the field of activities assigned by Synod to the Stewardship-Missions Committee; and

e. WHEREAS, This Centennial Committee has as yet no permanent official standing; therefore be it

7. *Resolved,* That the present Stewardship-Missions Committee cease to exist; and be it further

8. *Resolved,* That the Centennial Committee referred to above be made a permanent body hereafter to be known as the Synodical Board of Missionary and Stewardship Education; and be it further

9. *Resolved,* That this Synodical Board of Missionary and Stewardship Education plan and direct stewardship and missionary education in accordance with the general tenor of the resolutions of the Cleveland Convention "to facilitate systematic, sustained, and coordinated stewardship and missionary education throughout Synod" (cf. p. 11); and be it further

10. *Resolved,* That this Board be reorganized to consist of nine representative men elected to serve for a term of three years, one of whom shall be a clergy member of the Board of Directors, one of the College of District Presidents, one a synodical Vice-President, three from the active clergy, one a teacher, and two laymen; and be it further

11. *Resolved,* That this Synodical Board of Missionary and Stewardship Education shall be directly responsible for the carrying out of its work to Synod through the office of the President of Synod; and be it further

12. *Resolved,* That this Board be empowered to maintain an office and place in charge thereof an Executive Secretary, whose duties, term of office, and salary are to be determined by said Board with the approval of the President of Synod and the Board of Directors; and be it further

13. *Resolved,* That this Board be authorized to take over the work of Synod's Department of Publicity and appoint the present

Director of Publicity the Executive Secretary of the Board of Missionary and Stewardship Education; and be it further

14. *Resolved,* That this Board be authorized to draw on the Synodical Treasury for the funds required in the performance of its duties, its appropriations and expenditures being subject to review and sanction by Synod's Board of Directors.

K. KRETZSCHMAR, *Chairman*

Committee 17 reported:

Your Committee, appointed to study the report of the Survey Committee on Christian Stewardship and Missionary Education, Memorial 708, recommends the following for adoption:

WHEREAS, The report of this Survey Committee has convinced us that there is a great need for a more intensified program of education in stewardship and missions; therefore be it

Resolved:

1. That we gratefully acknowledge the excellent study and survey which this committee has made and that we consider its work as having been brought to a successful conclusion.

2. That we commend Synod's Department of Publicity for its work in placing at the disposal of all pastors and congregations literature and other material through which stewardship and missionary education is being effectively promoted and that we urge this department to continue in this important work under the supervision of the Board of Directors.

3. That we urge all pastors and congregations to make liberal use of these materials.

4. That the Department of Publicity be renamed the Department of Publicity and Missionary Education.

5. That we recognize the efficient work which has been done by the Centennial Call of the Cross Committee and that this committee be encouraged to continue its work.

6. That all Districts, circuits, and congregations be urged to adopt a systematic program for the promotion of Christian Stewardship and Missionary Education.

7. That the execution of this program within the Districts remain in the hands of the District officials, Visitors, and pastors.

8. Your Committee believes that the adoption and execution of these resolutions will fully meet the need for Christian Stewardship and Missionary Education as pointed out in Memorial 708.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Report of Press Committee

(Memorial 618)

Your Committee notes with much satisfaction the increased publicity activity on the part of Districts through standing or special press committees, local publicity organizations, congregations, and other agencies to bring to the attention of the general public the teachings, principles, and doctrines of the Lutheran Church. A survey made by your Committee shows many forms of Lutheran publicity. Exhibits at State fairs were arranged; many of our pastors supplied local papers regularly with copy for sermonets and news items, secured time on local radio stations, and inserted paid advertisements in newspapers. Other mediums of advertising and publicity used were outdoor posters, window displays for Lent and Christmas, electric crosses, bulletin-boards, and the usual printed matter, such as folders, announcement cards, weekly bulletins, etc.

Your Committee commends the Lutheran Laymen's League for its enlarged plans for the Lutheran Hour. With 62 stations on a special coast-to-coast hook-up and a mail that reached the 2,000-per-week mark, this missionary publicity undertaking should prove a real soul-winning venture.

Your Committee commends the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau for its enlarged tract publication and distribution plans. The large editions of four million Gospel tracts printed during the last triennium have enabled pastors, missionaries, and churches to disseminate God's Word in printed form.

Publicity for this convention was sponsored in cooperation with the local committee and consisted of mats with brief write-ups for the newspapers; copy for the Associated Press, International News, United Press, and other news agencies; mimeographed releases to pastors for local papers; attempts to secure time during the week of the convention from the National, Columbia, and Mutual Broadcasting companies; and arrangements to release the proceedings of the convention from the convention auditorium.

Grateful acknowledgment is hereby made of the policy of the A. L. P. B., which liberally placed all its facilities at your Committee's disposal, thus effecting a great saving of money to our Synod.

The Cleveland Convention appropriated $2,500 a year for the use of the Synodical Press Committee. Your Committee disbursed in 1935 $465.48, which included the convention expenses; in 1936, $45.81; in 1937, $34.00.

Recommendations

a. We recommend for the next triennium that the same appropriation, *i. e.*, $2,500 for each year, be granted the Press Committee.

b. We ask this convention to renew its former plea: "Synodical officers, commissions, committees, etc., keep the Press Committee informed, send news items of interest to the general public to the Press Committee office for release to the press."

c. Upon numerous and insistent suggestions that the doctrines, principles, and practises of the Lutheran Church be presented to the general American public by means of publications with national circulation, we recommend that a minimum of $20,000 be appropriated for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. LINDEMANN, *Chairman*
LOUIS BUCHHEIMER, *Secretary*
J. F. E. NICKELSBURG, *Treasurer*

Committee 17 reported:

Your Committee, appointed to study the report of the Press Committee, Memorial 618, submits the following for your consideration:

1. We note with pleasure the fact that organizations and members of Synod have become more publicity-minded, and we urge that publicity efforts be continued and intensified.

2. We desire to call attention to the vast amount of publicity which was made possible through the Lutheran Hour, and we request Synod to encourage pastors, congregations, and other organizations to avail themselves of local broadcasting facilities.

3. We gratefully acknowledge the work which has been done by the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau in having placed at the disposal of pastors, missionaries, and congregations four million Gospel tracts during the past triennium, and we urge that this work be given further moral and financial support through the use of these tracts and regular periodic contributions. We also note with pleasure that the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau has cheerfully placed its facilities at the disposal of the Press Committee, which effected a great saving of money to Synod.

4. We desire to acknowledge the cooperation of the local Press Committee, the Associated Press, the United Press, all local news agencies, and the Mutual Broadcasting Company, with Synod's Press Committee in the work of covering the proceedings of this Centennial Convention.

Your Committee presents the following *resolutions* for your consideration:

1. That Synod again place an annual appropriation of $2,500 at the disposal of Synod's Press Committee for the next triennium.

2. That Synod ask its officials, commissions, and committees to consider the Press Committee the appointed medium through which news items of interest to the general public are to be released and that Synod urge its members to make a more liberal use of the functions and facilities of this committee.

3. WHEREAS, There have been numerous and insistent suggestions that the doctrines, principles, and practises of our Church be presented to the general public by means of publications with national circulation; and

WHEREAS, This cannot be done without ample funds; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod recommend to the Fiscal Conference an allowance of twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) for this purpose during the next triennium.

Action of Synod: The report and Resolutions 1 and 2 were *adopted,* but Resolution 3 was *rejected.*

Report of Radio Station KFUO

(Memorial 801, as amended)

The year 1937 marked the tenth anniversary of the dedication of our present radio plant. It has served our purpose admirably, but we are beginning to outgrow it. A small waiting-room has been pressed into service as a studio. The *personnel* of the Radio Committee has remained the same with the exception of three men. In their place the Board of Control of the Seminary chose Messrs. W. Drees, W. Schroeter, and J. C. Wegner.

Equipment. — Since the last Delegate Synod we have installed a high-voltage-rectifier, a volume-limiter-amplifier, and monitoring equipment. We also purchased modern microphones, which in turn necessitated additional sound-proofing work in our studios.

KFUO-KSD Controversy. — In our last report to Delegate Synod we stated that we had applied with the Federal Communications Commission for the 640 frequency, but that the Commission had not yet rendered its decision. After 1½ years the Commission denied our application. On Sept. 3 and 4, 1936, KSD petitioned the Commission to blot out KFUO so that KSD might have full time on the 550-kilocycle frequency, which we had been sharing with them since 1924, using 500 watts power during the evening and 1,000 watts during the day. KFUO made a very good showing at that hearing. Approximately ten days before the hear-

ing KFUO filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for authorization to purchase and construct a 5,000-watt transmitter and to utilize half time instead of the small fraction of time now used. Power of 5,000 watts during the day would increase our potential audience by approximately three million persons. The Federal Communications Commission granted our request that they instruct Examiner Seward, who heard the case, to withhold his report until we had opportunity to be heard on our application for 5,000 watts power and half time, that is, full equality with KSD. This *second* hearing was held May 11 and 12, 1937. We showed the Commission that we intended to use half time, an increase from 26 to 60 hours a week, in the following manner: one third of the hours for religious programs; one third for educational, cultural, civic, government, and other public-welfare programs; and the remaining third for high-class commercial programs, so that the station might have a steady income and thus finance and improve its enlarged and diversified service to the public. Of course, none of the religious programs are to be commercialized. The formal recommendations of Mr. P. W. Seward, Examiner for the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C., who heard the KFUO-KSD case in September of 1936 and again in May of 1937, are: 1. That the application of KFUO for installation of a 5,000-watt transmitter, using 5,000 watts during the day and 1,000 watts at night, be granted. 2. That the application of Station KFUO for one-half-time operation on the frequency of 550 kilocycles be granted. 3. That KFUO have the following hours: Monday to Saturday, inclusive: 7 A. M. to 10:30 A. M., 12:30 P. M. to 2 P. M.; 3 P. M. to 5:45 P. M.; 8 P. M. to 9 P. M.; Sundays: 8:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.; 3 P. M. to 5 P. M.; 8 P. M. to 9:30 P. M. The Examiner's recommendations were not final, but were subject to approval by the seven members of the Federal Communications Commission, who heard oral argument in the case Dec. 2 and 3, 1937. On Ash Wednesday, March 2, 1938, the Commission rendered its decision and denied both the application of KSD for the deletion of KFUO, and KFUO's application for increase in power and hours. Therefore KFUO will remain on the air and continue its blessed work. While we are thankful that we did not lose any of our facilities, we are not satisfied with the Commission's decision and therefore have appealed the case to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia. This appeal will indefinitely delay final disposition of this matter, which is so vitally important to KFUO. In the mean time we request our friends to continue to give KFUO their moral and financial support. Our great program of expansion, which has been approved by the Board of Control of the Seminary and by the Board of Directors

of Synod, will entail an expenditure of approximately $75,000 for a new transmitter, new towers, and other equipment, enlarged office *personnel,* increased studio and office space and facilities, etc.

Programs. — Pending the decision of the court, we are now already developing and improving our station with many interesting talks by prominent civic leaders, with high-class-music programs by schools of music and conservatories, with more vocal and instrumental groups, and with other program refinements. Our DX programs, which cover almost the entire country, have proved very popular, and we are studying the question of a short-wave station for KFUO in order to send the Gospel to the remotest corners of the globe. At the last Delegate Synod our Committee petitioned Synod to elect a Synodical Radio Committee for the purpose of inaugurating a nation-wide broadcast and of promoting the preaching of the Gospel by means of the radio in general. In view of the L. L. L.'s plans to revive the Lutheran Hour, Synod as such refrained, for the time being, from making provisions for a national broadcast to be conducted under its direct auspices and control. KFUO regards it as a distinct privilege to be the originating station of the Lutheran Hour. The work of KFUO and of the Lutheran Hour is bringing countless souls to the knowledge of their Savior.

Synodical Radio Committee. — As the Synodical Radio Committee, the KFUO Committee successfully sponsors a National Lutheran Radio Week in the fall of the year, the purpose of which is to encourage Lutheran broadcasts in every locality where a radio station is available, daily or as often as possible during National Lutheran Radio Week or, preferably, throughout the year. The broadcasting pastors are urged to make the most of N. L. R. W. and to help other brethren in the neighboring cities to get on the air; pastors who have discontinued their broadcasts are requested to resume them if at all possible. The Committee also sponsors, through the cooperation of the Rev. G. Christian Barth of Cincinnati, O., and through the courtesy of WLW, an annual globe-encircling DX program, on which reports have been received from places as far as Alaska, Hawaii, and Finland; it publishes *The Announcer,* from time to time, to serve as a connecting link between local Lutheran broadcasts in all parts of the world; it helps to arrange regular radio conferences in connection with the various District synodical conferences; it is instrumental in organizing radio committees in the various synodical Districts; through the cooperation of the American Lutheran Publicity Bureau, Lutheran pastors have occupied a few morning devotional programs over the National Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System. During the coming synodical convention

the Fourth Triennial National Radio Conference will be held. The Synodical Radio Committee intends to get more publicity for those programs of the Church of the Air of the C. B. S. on which men of our Church serve as speakers. In general, the Synodical Radio Committee intends to increase its usefulness, with the help of the Lord.

Requests. — In keeping with Synod's Mission Forward Movement we should think of the use of radio in terms of the whole North American continent and even the entire world. We should strive to extend our radio work to many stations on the face of the globe, more particularly in the United States and Canada,

a) By developing more local broadcasts;

b) By encouraging the Lutheran Laymen's League to extend the Lutheran Hour even more throughout the United States and Canada;

c) By encouraging the Lutheran Laymen's League to make the Lutheran Hour international in scope, either regularly or occasionally;

d) By making electrical transcriptions, consisting of complete religious radio programs, in various languages for use by stations in the United States and abroad. These transcriptions could be used almost any time in various parts of the world, especially during National Lutheran Radio Week and National Lutheran Publicity Week in the United States and Canada. They could be placed with various radio stations by our local pastors or directly by the Synodical Radio Committee. Stations agreeing to accept these transcriptions on a reasonably permanent schedule under contract could be paid a nominal remuneration for such service.

We request a subsidy from Synod of $1,500 a year for the next triennium for developing this nation-wide and world-wide program, outlined in Paragraph d;

e) By making electrical transcriptions featuring our chorals for general use by pastors in connection with their local broadcasts. Some of these pastors lack good musical talent and have requested assistance from our Committee. National Lutheran Music Week would offer a fine opportunity to use these transcriptions.

We request a subsidy of $1,500 for the next triennium for this important work.

In order that the Synodical Radio Committee may, in general, more effectively conduct its work and extend its activity, *we request* Synod to appropriate $1,000 annually for the next triennium to employ a secretary and to defray expenses in general. Heretofore all expenses of the Synodical Radio Committee have been paid from the KFUO treasury.

We request Synod to authorize the KFUO Radio Committee to arrange for a coast-to-coast broadcast early in the year 1939 in commemoration of the hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Saxon immigrants, this broadcast to be integrated with the general synodical plan of observing this anniversary.

We request Synod to petition the Federal Communications Commission to provide properly for KFUO in the interest of greater service to the Christian Church and the country in general.

In view of the fact that KFUO has weathered all storms during the last thirteen and a half years, especially the vicious attacks made upon it during the last few years, we appropriately close our report with the words of the psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and, all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits," Ps. 103:1, 2.

HERMAN H. HOHENSTEIN
Director of Station KFUO

Report of Committee 18:

1. WHEREAS, The Lutheran Hour has been so richly blessed by our heavenly Father; and

WHEREAS, This broadcast of Christ's saving Gospel has been of invaluable aid in the missionary efforts of our Church and by the grace of God has brought forth much fruit; and

WHEREAS, This God-pleasing endeavor has been carried on by our Lutheran laymen; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Centennial Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States commend this worthy project and that we pledge our whole-hearted cooperation in "bringing Christ to the nation" also through this agency.

2. WHEREAS, The use of the radio is in keeping with Synod's Missionary Forward Movement in spreading the Gospel over the entire world; and

WHEREAS, We should strive to extend our radio work to many stations on the face of the globe, especially in the United States and Canada; and

WHEREAS, The Synodical Radio Committee has begun making electrical transcriptions of complete religious radio programs in various languages for use by stations in the United States and abroad; and

WHEREAS, These transcriptions could be placed with various radio stations by our pastors and laymen also in the more isolated places and thus assist the missionary in his locality; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod appropriate one thousand five hundred dollars ($1,500) annually for the next triennium for developing this world-wide program of using electrical transcriptions.

3. WHEREAS, A number of our pastors have been granted time for local religious broadcasts; and

WHEREAS, Frequently these pastors have not the necessary musical talent at their disposal to supply the musical portion of such a broadcast; and

WHEREAS, Requests for musical assistance in these broadcasts have come to the Synodical Radio Committee; and

WHEREAS, This committee is now in position to render this service; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod appropriate five hundred dollars ($500) annually for the next triennium for the production of electrical transcriptions featuring our Lutheran chorals, choirs, and other sacred music.

4. WHEREAS, It requires considerable secretarial help to carry out the work of the Synodical Radio Committee; and

WHEREAS, In the past the burden of this work has been carried out by volunteer workers; and

WHEREAS, The amount of this work is continually increasing; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod appropriate one thousand dollars ($1,000) annually for the next triennium to defray the expenses of employing a secretary in order more effectively to conduct its work and extend its activity.

5. WHEREAS, The hundredth anniversary of the landing of the Saxon immigrants is commemorated by our Synod; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod authorize the KFUO Radio Committee to arrange for a coast-to-coast broadcast early in the year 1939, to be integrated with the general synodical plan of observing this anniversary; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That a copy of the following resolution be forwarded to the Federal Communications Commission at Washington, D. C.:

6. WHEREAS, Station KFUO, St. Louis, Missouri, has been a great blessing to the Church and the nation during its well-nigh fourteen (14) years of existence; and

WHEREAS, Station KFUO desires to enlarge and diversify its service in the public interest, convenience, and necessity; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, some 900 delegates of the twenty-eight (28)

Districts of the Ev. Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and Other States assembled in convention at the Municipal Auditorium in St. Louis, Missouri, June 15—24, 1938, and representing over three thousand (3,000) congregations and over one million (1,000,000) baptized members,

a) Express our appreciation to the Honorable Federal Communications Commission for the consideration it has given KFUO in the past;

b) Respectfully petition the Commission to provide properly for this station also in the future.

Action of Synod: These six resolutions were *adopted,* with the declaration that the appropriations made are to be referred to the Fiscal Conference for favorable action.

Report of the Bureau of Information Regarding Secret Orders

(Memorial 508)

Consisting of the undersigned, this Bureau has served since 1929 for the purpose of furnishing our churches with information regarding the various secret orders, particularly with reference to the religious element which characterizes their ceremonies. The various publications of the secret orders and literature written about them, from which this information is obtained, are the personal property of the two members constituting the Bureau. This entire material has now been indexed and catalogued. Copies of all extracts from rituals and other authentic documents are found both in St. Louis and in Milwaukee, and these extracts are at the disposal of our pastors. Most of the material at St. Louis has been placed for safe-keeping in the Concordia Seminary library. The cost per annum of the Bureau of Information has been less than $300. This covers secretarial help for all the classifying, cataloguing, and making of extracts as well as correspondence with our ministers, also postage and stationery. Office equipment has been furnished free of charge. The future functioning of the Bureau, if Synod should desire it, depends solely upon the provision of necessary clerical help. More than 1,000 ministers applied for information during the triennium.

The files now contain definite information on 143 lodges, and there is correspondence on hand, also printed literature, regarding 80 others.

Our labors during the past triennium have confirmed our observations that some secret societies have modified their ritual and their admission requirements to a greater or lesser extent, thus creating new problems in the dealings with members of such or-

ganizations. Questions that now demand an answer are: Has the order eliminated all religious features? Has it eliminated the typical lodge ceremonial (oaths, prayers, chaplain, altar, etc.) while still retaining objectionable religious sentiments? Do they distinguish between fraternal members (obligated on the ritual) and a beneficiary class, which is not initiated? It is evident that, where objectionable features remain, we cannot ignore membership in such an order. A considerable portion of the correspondence now deals with these special problems.

It is the impression of the undersigned that the synodical policy as formulated in 1929 and 1932 is guiding the pastors and our congregations in their dealing with lodge-members, whether within or without the congregation. As a result there is a gradual elimination of the lodge evil from areas in which for a time it had taken a foothold, and we are not aware of any new weakening of our clergy in any part of our Synod or in any of its Districts.

A gradual shift has taken place in the function of our Bureau. In its first years, inquiries for information were still received from brethren in the holy office who had discovered the connection of members with one or the other secret order. Today the requests for information are, with an exception presently to be noted, entirely in the field of prospects for church-membership. The letters no longer begin: "I find that one of my members belongs to the," etc., but rather: "A member of my adult class says that he belongs to the," etc. It has shifted from the field of congregational problems to the field of missionary problems. In this field, however, there is a notable increase in the amount of correspondence, proportionate, it seems, to the growing number of adults who are confirmed or baptized in our Synod. This correspondence may be divided roughly into three groups: 1. letters requesting information as to the present status of some of the old-time orders; 2. requests for information regarding orders hitherto unknown to the inquirer, who in most cases has nothing but the verbal statement of the applicant for membership; 3. requests for suggestions how to handle such cases as are not classifiable as to the definition of the secret order in question.

As for the exception noted above, this refers to the junior orders which have been inaugurated by the promoters of fraternalism, and which are endeavoring to gain their members particularly among the better class of the community, which means particularly the members of the local churches, our own not excepted. A good deal of investigation has been necessary to establish the particular type of order represented by these junior lodges. The following tabulation has proved of service in this field:

Senior Order	Junior Order
Freemasonry	Knights of De Molay
Freemasonry	Order of the Rainbow
	Daughters of Job
Eastern Star	Daughters of the Eastern Star
Knights of Pythias	Knights of the Crusade
Foresters of America	Junior Foresters of America
Maccabees	Maccabee Boy Scouts
Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees	Junior Rose Courts
Ku Klux Klan	Auxiliary for Boys
A. O. U. W.	Junior Order
Veterans of Foreign Wars	Junior Order
Woodmen of Union	Juvenile Department
Elks	Antlers

Since 1932 the Bureau of Information, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by Synod (*Proceedings,* p. 176), has made a study of all articles that appeared in our synodical reports, in *Lehre und Wehre,* and in the *Lutheraner,* from the beginning until 1900, on the attitude of our Church towards the lodge. This was done through a close examination of these records and by translating every official reference to the lodge that was encountered. From this study it is evident that from its beginning the expression of our Church was unanimously against the lodge and against all toleration of lodge-members but also against a legalistic, mechanical operation with lodge resolutions, paragraphs, and principles.

Synod should designate by what means its resolution to make these data available to our pastors is to be carried out. The material is now in mimeotyped form.

The prospect of the present era, during which most secret societies are waging a losing fight for membership, is a favorable one for our Church. As long as the lodge exists, there must be a fight against this evil. But the advantage of the fight is now on our side. Any yielding today would not only be wicked but folly.

Theodore Graebner
O. F. Engelbrecht

Committee 10 reported:

In examining the present report of the Bureau of Information on Secret Orders and comparing it with the reports given by it in 1932 and 1935, one cannot fail to note the fine progress which has been made in dealing with this particular problem. On the one hand, this bureau has continued its painstaking study of the various fraternal publications and also of the literature written about them, with the result that it now possesses definite information on 143 lodges and a certain amount of correspondence and printed liter-

ature on 80 others, all of which material has been indexed and catalogued. It has carried out Synod's resolution of 1932 by conducting a thorough search of the official publications of Synod from the beginning to the year 1900 for reference to the lodge and has edited these in mimeotyped form. It has also furnished pertinent extracts from this material concerning any given secret order to pastors and congregations which applied for them. That this service is deeply appreciated and fills a distinct need is evident from the fact that during the past triennium more than a thousand pastors turned to the bureau for such information.

On the other hand, the bureau feels confirmed in its conviction that the synodical policy as formulated in 1929 and 1932 continues to bear fruit. "There is a gradual elimination of the lodge evil from areas in which for a time it had taken a foothold, and we are not aware of any new weakening of our clergy in any part of Synod or in any of its Districts. On the contrary, it seems as though the chief problem of our congregations at the present time is to convince prospective members of the evil of lodgery rather than to deal with such as already hold membership. The battle of course is not won, especially when we think of the many junior orders which have sprung up in recent years, but on the whole we are now on the offensive rather than on the defensive."

Your Committee begs leave to make the following *recommendations* on this matter:

1. That Synod acknowledge with appreciation the tireless efforts put forth by the members of this bureau, Dr. Theo. Graebner and Rev. O. F. Engelbrecht of Milwaukee, in seeking to keep the information concerning secret orders up to date as well as in compiling and indexing many extracts from lodge literature and from the official publications of Synod bearing on this subject;

2. That Synod also express its appreciation to individual pastors for their contributions to our literature on the lodge evil, among whom might be mentioned Pastors Theo. Dierks, Rud. Prange, and others;

3. That Synod encourage the bureau to continue its splendid work and to that end furnish the necessary clerical help, the cost of which will be approximately $500 a year;

4. That our Publishing House be urged to weigh the feasibility of issuing the above-mentioned extracts from our official publications in pamphlet or book form, thus making this information available for general use;

5. That our congregations and pastors be strongly encouraged to continue to take an uncompromising stand over against any and every manifestation of the lodge evil in their midst and to that

end make the fullest use of the material made available to them through this Bureau of Information.

Action of Synod: This report with its recommendations was *adopted.*

Boy Scouts

(Unprinted Memorial 7)

The Colorado District had submitted the following memorial to Synod:

The following resolution was adopted at the convention of the Colorado District at Westcliffe, Colo., June 18, 1937:

WHEREAS, Some congregations have Boy Scout troops; and

WHEREAS, We are told that in other congregations membership in Boy Scout troops has been regarded as worthy of Church discipline; therefore be it

Resolved, That we ask the next Delegate Synod to take a definite stand with regard to this matter.

On this matter *Committee 10* submitted for adoption the following statements:

With respect to an unprinted memorial from the Colorado District, in which Synod is petitioned to take a definite stand regarding the Boy Scout movement, your Committee begs leave to submit the following statement for adoption:

1. It is not within the province of Synod to endorse any secular movement or organization nor, for that reason, to advocate the establishment of Boy Scout troops in our congregations.

2. We have been informed by the Board of Young People's Work that the national headquarters of the Boy Scout organization have so modified their position as to grant to the individual congregation complete control of its troop and that the members of such church troops are in no wise required to take part in any activities which are contrary to our principles.

3. Because of the naturalistic and unionistic tendencies still prevalent in the Boy Scout movement, membership in non-Lutheran or sectarian troops cannot be sanctioned.

4. We suggest that Synod encourage the Board for Young People's Work in collaboration with the Walther League to provide our congregations with an educational and recreational program that will attract the interest of our youth and thus counteract the inclination to affiliate with the Boy Scout organization.

Action of Synod: This statement was *adopted.*

The following two overtures and an unprinted memorial (No. 40) were presented regarding women's organizations in our Church:

Sanctioning a Synod-Wide Women's Missionary Endeavor

(Memorial 406)

For your careful consideration and, we hope, eventual adoption we herewith present the following overture:

WHEREAS, The women of the Church, through the existing ladies' societies, offer a potential and frequently almost neglected source of positive power in the Lord's kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Experience has demonstrated that ladies' societies often appreciate the opportunity for systematic education in missionary tasks confronting the Church and thereby stimulating sympathy and zeal in an increasing measure for the cause of Christian Missions; and

WHEREAS, Ladies' societies have been found willing to place a portion of their collective financial resources at the disposal of the Church in her endeavors to extend the boundaries of God's kingdom; and

WHEREAS, An encouraging example of such united action on the part of the women of our Church is seen in the Central District, where 112 ladies' societies, numbering 11,200 members, have assembled for quarterly missionary meetings during the past decade and have collected $48,235.49 through mite-boxes within that time; and

WHEREAS, A careful survey, also by officials of Synod who are not members of the Central District, has resulted in the conviction that no Scriptural principles governing woman's position in the Church have been sacrificed and that the funds collected through mite-boxes have in no way detracted from the regular contributions through the established congregational channels, which are conceded priority rights; and

WHEREAS, This plan of developing powers for good dormant in a great section of our communicant membership has the triple advantage of being developed under the immediate auspices of the Church, of not contemplating regional, State and national conventions, and of making the work of Christian missions, which has a *universal* appeal for every group of church-members, the one aim of its endeavor; therefore be it

Resolved, That we petition the Delegate Synod to sanction a Synod-wide Women's Missionary Endeavor; and to that end be it further

Resolved, That the proposed Synodical Women's Missionary Endeavor have as its local unit existing ladies' societies, thereby avoiding the creation of additional societies within our Church; and be it further

Resolved, That through these existing ladies' societies, as agents, efforts be made to enlist the active support of all ladies in our congregations in the objectives of the endeavor, both educational and financial; and be it further

Resolved, That the proposed Synodical Women's Missionary Endeavor be administered by the Board for Home Missions in North America and its Executive Secretary, who would operate through the Home Mission boards of the respective Districts; and be it further

Resolved, That a women's missionary journal, containing informational and inspirational articles as well as a mission-study outline, be published quarterly under the auspices of the Board for Home Missions in North America for free distribution to all ladies in congregations where ladies' societies are participating in the proposed Synodical Women's Missionary Endeavor and that this Board also furnish gratis all necessary mite-boxes; and be it further

Resolved, That the collection of funds in the proposed Synodical Women's Missionary Endeavor be limited to these mite-box contributions in such a manner that no interference will occur with any financial duty to be performed through the customary congregational channels; and be it further

Resolved, that 75 per cent. of the funds thus collected through the mite-boxes be retained by the respective District Home Mission Board and that the remaining 25 per cent. be placed at the disposal of the Board for Home Missions in North America with the understanding that this Board defray all the expenses of the proposed Women's Missionary Endeavor out of its 25 per cent. and use the balance to advance missionary projects having a general appeal; and be it further

Resolved, That for the purpose of determining from time to time the particular missionary project or projects to be advanced a meeting of representatives of all mission boards of our Synod and of the Synodical Conference be called by the Secretary of Missions; and be it further

Resolved, That no expenditure of funds be made by any board of the Districts or of Synod which will necessitate a continuous subsidy in order to save the original investment, all donations toward any project being one-time grants; and be it finally

Resolved, That authority shall be, and herewith is, given to

the Board for Home Missions in North America to proceed at once in establishing this proposed Synodical Women's Missionary Endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

CENTRAL DISTRICT HOME MISSION BOARD

F. WAMBSGANSS, *Chairman* THEO. WYNEKEN, *Secretary*
E. WEBER A. H. SCHROEDER F. BREDEMEIER
W. C. BIRKNER, *District Secretary of Missions*

In Regard to a Woman's Federation

(Memorial 804)

It is well known that our Lutheran women are giving valuable organized help in their recognized sphere and under proper guidance to their congregations, to charitable and educational organizations, to Districts, and to Synod at large.

We have women's societies in almost all our congregations. Other organizations of women for special efforts are increasing, we might say, in some sections alarmingly. Some of our Districts have found it very advisable to favor a District organization among their women.

Is it not therefore quite natural that our Lutheran women would also desire to effect a closer relation and a helpful cooperation among the various organizations, somewhat as it is found among our young people in the Walther League?

We therefore respectfully petition Synod in behalf of the Lutheran Woman's League, which has received the recognition of the Western District and of that section of the English District, to permit some kind of federation among the various District women's organizations which would be in keeping with sound Lutheran principles, with the understanding that the District organizations would remain under control of the respective District, while a general organization would come under the control of Synod.

We also petition that Synod will lend its help, possibly through its Praesidium or an appointed committee, to study the various problems connected with this proposition and to solve them with those that are interested under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to the best interests of the Church.

CLARA S. SCHMITT, *President of the L. W. L.*
BERTHA G. MEYER, *Secretary of the L. W. L.*

PASTORAL ADVISERS OF THE LUTHERAN WOMAN'S LEAGUE
HERBERT C. CLAUS, Western District
HOBART MEYER, English District

Committee 18 reported as follows:

WHEREAS, A number of memorials have been presented to this synodical convention pertaining to

1) A Synod-wide Women's Missionary Endeavor;

2) a Synod-wide Lutheran Woman's League; and

WHEREAS, Your Committee, after careful study of the petitions, has gained the conviction that the wish to effect a Synod-wide organization is prompted by the sole desire of serving our blessed Lord and His Church in the widest and most effective manner by the talents and in the sphere which God has given and assigned especially to the women of His Church; and

WHEREAS, It is evident that the blessings which by the benediction of God have come to our congregations, to our institutions of mercy, and to the work of Synod's mission endeavors have been great indeed; and

WHEREAS, Christian order and love require that the Church guide and help its members in the work of the Church, so that the greatest possible good will result and all will be done in decency and in order; and

WHEREAS, The women's organizations which are in existence now and which are bound to increase are left to shift for themselves without proper guidance if Synod withholds its cooperation; and

WHEREAS, Synod is earnestly petitioned to lend its help by studying the various problems connected therewith and to solve them with those interested under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to the best interests of the Church; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod appoint a Survey Committee, consisting of two (2) pastors, one (1) teacher, and two (2) laymen, whose duty it shall be to survey the entire question of women's work and organizations within our Synod, gather information concerning the problem from within and without our Church, formulate a practicable program of missionary and educational features which would be helpful to all, and submit definite proposals to Synod at its next meeting. We also recommend that this Survey Committee consider the advisability of establishing a Committee on Women's Work similar to the now existing Committee on Young People's Work; and be it furthermore

Resolved, That Synod gratefully recognize the zealous endeavor of our women for the cause of Christ and His Church.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Synod to Recognize Three Major Organizations

Committee 18 reported:

In the matter of Unprinted Memorial 38,

I. That Synod recognize the following three major organizations:

1) The International Walther League for young people;

2) The Lutheran Laymen's League for younger and older men;

3) The Lutheran Woman's League for younger and older women;

II. That Synod give its approval to a general coordinated and graduated system to insure coordination, adaptation, and graduation:

Resolved, That Synod refer also this matter to the above proposed Survey Committee for study, which is to report its findings to Synod at the next convention.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Woman Suffrage in the Church

A delegate objected to a statement in Dr. J. T. Mueller's essay read to the convention in which he asserted that women are not to vote in the congregation. This question was referred to a committee, consisting of Dr. F. Pfotenhauer, President Arthur Brunn, and Mr. John Piepkorn. This committee submitted the following *report:*

1. According to our dogmatician Dr. F. Pieper, in his *Christliche Dogmatik,* Vol. I, page 626 ff., it is the accepted position and practise of Synod that women shall not be granted voting membership in the Christian congregation.

2. WHEREAS, Some in our midst think that this position and practise is not required by Scripture; therefore be it

Resolved, That this hitherto accepted position and practise of Synod be restudied in the light of Scripture in our congregations, our pastoral conferences, and our District conventions.

Action of Synod: This resolution was *adopted.*

Induction into Office of President and Vice-Presidents of Synod

(Memorial 511)

WHEREAS, Synod obligates its President and Vice-Presidents to perform their respective duties according to the rules and regulations set forth in the *Synodical Handbook;* and

WHEREAS, These elected officers are insufficient of themselves to perform the manifold and multitudinous duties of their respective office; and

WHEREAS, Such sufficiency is only of God; and

WHEREAS, There is need that God's benedictions and His divine guidance be invoked upon such leaders of our church-body; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing sentiment and demand in synodical circles that these officers of Synod be inducted into office after their election; and

WHEREAS, Such induction, or installation, should be a formal one, especially since even men of the public press expressed their surprise at the last convention in Cleveland, O., after the election of a new President, when told upon inquiry that no formal installation takes place; and

WHEREAS, Such formal installation is in keeping with the high office; therefore the undersigned herewith respectfully petition Synod to

Resolve,

1. To provide for a special service during the closing days of the triennial convention, to be held in one of the local churches of the convention city, probably the pastoral service, in which the newly elected President and Vice-Presidents be formally installed;

2. To instruct the President of Synod to appoint a committee to draw up a suitable formula for such installation.

Very respectfully submitted,

THE ST. LOUIS PASTORAL CONFERENCE

per RUD. H. C. MEYER

Committee 18 recommended:

a) That the newly elected or reelected President and Vice-Presidents of Synod be formally installed in the closing session of Synod;

b) That the President of Synod appoint a committee to draw up a suitable order of service for such installation;

c) That the President of Synod appoint the officiating clergyman for this solemn occasion.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted* and executed.

Two overtures were submitted regarding the Church Architecture committee.

Synodical Bureau of Church Architecture

(Memorial 802)

By resolution of the Lake Erie Conference, September 23, 1937, the following two memorials are to be presented to Synod.

Memorial No. 1

WHEREAS, The construction and rebuilding of churches and other ecclesiastical structures involves esthetic and technical problems beyond the scope of the average clergyman and architect; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Lake Erie Pastoral Conference of the English District memorialize the Synod in session in St. Louis in 1938 with a request that the present Committee on Church Architecture be reorganized as an adequately staffed Synodical Bureau of Church Architecture, with a theologically trained director at its head; that the Bureau be made self-supporting by the establishment of an appropriate scale of charges for services rendered and by requiring all congregations receiving assistance from the General Church Extension Fund through District Church Extension Funds to submit their plans for approval to the Bureau at an appropriate percentage of the projected cost of construction.

Memorial No. 2

WHEREAS, The Rev. Frederick R. Webber of Cleveland, O., has rendered the Synod invaluable service as secretary of the Committee on Church Architecture and has demonstrated his unique professional competency and proficiency; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Lake Erie Pastoral Conference of the English District memorialize the Synod in session at St. Louis in 1938, in the event that a Synodical Bureau of Church Architecture is created by the Synod, to accept as the conference's candidate for the directorate of the Bureau the Rev. Frederick R. Webber.

W. W. WALKER, *Secretary*

Executive Secretary for Synod's Architectural Committee

(Memorial 803)

WHEREAS, Synod has recognized the need for an architectural committee to advise and guide the several congregations of Synod in their building program; and

WHEREAS, This committee has been able to urge congregations to build more churchly buildings for worship; and

WHEREAS, This work of the committee has actually permitted many congregations to save many thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, The increased demand made by the congregations for the services of this committee has made it impossible for the several members thereof to accomplish efficiently their work; therefore be it

Resolved,

1. That a full-time executive secretary for the Architectural Committee be engaged;

2. That the congregations pay one per cent. of the cost of their building program to Synod for these services.

Respectfully submitted,

THE HUDSON CONFERENCE OF NEW JERSEY
CARLTON A. ADLER, *Secretary*

Report of Committee 18:

Regarding Memorials 802 and 803, page 275, your Committee

a) Realizes and acknowledges the importance of this work;

b) Recommends that a vote of thanks be tendered to Synod's Architectural Committee and to its secretary, the Rev. F. R. Webber;

c) Recommends that this entire matter be referred to the Board of Directors.

Action of Synod: These recommendations were *adopted.*

German Daily Minutes Omitted

The following recommendation was submitted on the floor of Synod:

The volume of business that awaits transaction at a convention of Synod is so great that every reasonable effort must be made to expedite it. This implies that the time of the delegates be conserved as much as possible. The rule which has prevailed heretofore requiring the reading of both German and English minutes at each session might well be amended so as to eliminate one of these readings. At this time and age it may be reasonably expected that the vast majority of the delegates can understand English. It does not seem to be justified that the time of these many delegates be consumed in listening to the reading of the German minutes, which many of them do not understand. For these reasons it is respectfully suggested that Synod's regulations — "M. Synodical Conventions," chapter II, "Organization and Attendance," Paragraph 5 (page 59 of the *Synodical Handbook*) — be amended by striking out the words "in both English and German," so that, when amended, it shall read: "Short daily minutes are to be read to the synodical conventions to keep the delegates in touch with the business transacted."

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

New World Calendar

Committee 18 submitted the following *report:*

Regarding Unprinted Memorials 27 and 43, referring to the acceptance or rejection of a proposed World Calendar, your Committee respectfully recommends that this issue be referred to the office of the Statistician of Synod.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

To Supply Candidates in Church-Work with Our Literature

On this matter *Committee 18 reported:*

Regarding Unprinted Memorial 31, referring to the possibility of a separate mailing-list of all candidates in the work of the Church and of supplying these candidates with the literature which is now being sent to every ordained Pastor, your Committee respectfully recommends that this matter be referred to the Board of Directors and the Dean of Concordia Seminary.

Action of Synod: This recommendation was *adopted.*

Nominations Committee to Approve Ballot Proof-Sheets

Committee 4 submitted the following *resolutions:*

Resolved, That all slates nominated by the various Districts be presented to the convention for approval by the Nominating Committee.

Resolved, That all ballot proof-sheets be approved by the Nominating Committee before final printing.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted.*

Housing of Synod. Preconvention Meetings

The St. Louis Convention Committee submitted the following suggestions:

Your Committee, representing the St. Louis churches, which has made the preparations and arrangements for this present convention, desires to call the attention of the Ven. Synod to two matters. The one problem which confronts your convention committees is becoming increasingly more difficult with each succeeding convention; the other is a matter of order, which apparently should be determined by resolution of the synodical body.

Article I

As to the first matter, your present Committee recommends that Synod *resolve* that

The Convention Committee shall be held to provide lodging and meals for all executive officers of Synod and the College of District Presidents;

The housing expense of the delegates, a pastor and a layman, representing a group or circuit of congregations, shall be defrayed by the congregations which they represent; the expenses of those representing boards or committees of Synod, such as seminaries, colleges, missions, etc., shall be borne by the respective boards or committees; and the housing expense of advisory members shall be paid by the synodical District commissioning their attendance.

Your Convention Committee offers these resolutions for the following reasons:

1. Living conditions of our church people in metropolitan areas, where the conventions are held, are no longer such as to make the old-time hospitality possible. Our people of moderate means, with the high rents prevalent, have no spare room to lodge delegates to a convention lasting ten days, and our church-members of means do not build homes with guest facilities or, if they do, prefer to pay the hotel bill for a delegate rather than be inconvenienced in their home-life. It is becoming simply impossible to find lodging for eight to nine hundred convention delegates in the homes of our people in any city.

2. It is the opinion of the Convention Committee that the expenditure which the local congregations bear in entertaining the convention is sufficient without expecting the membership to assume the added cost of housing. The cost of this convention for the St. Louis congregations is approximately $10,000. Our congregations have cheerfully raised this amount, but your Committee has found much difficulty and dissatisfaction over the housing problem.

Article II

The second matter pertains to preconvention meetings. It is understood that several committees *must* be in session before the convention begins its sessions. Your Convention Committee recommends that Synod determine *which committees* are entitled to preconvention housing and meeting facilities. It is prompted to suggest this resolution because this year about eight committees requested to be taken care of.

Respectfully submitted by the St. Louis Convention Committee,

T. G. Eggers, *Chairman*
Louis J. Sieck, *Secretary*

Report of Committee 18:

Regarding Unprinted Memorial 49, presented by the St. Louis Convention Committee, referring to the housing of the convention delegates, your Committee respectfully *recommends:*

Regarding Article I:

a) That the Convention Committee shall be held to provide lodging and meals for all executive officers of Synod and the College of District Presidents as well as those representing boards and commissions of Synod, such as seminaries, colleges, missions, etc.;

b) That the matter of financing board and lodging for pastoral, teacher, lay, and advisory delegates be referred to the respective Districts of Synod.

Regarding Article II of this same memorial, referring to preconvention housing and meeting facilities, your Committee respectfully recommends:

a) Since it is necessary for several committees to meet before the convention opens, that the Convention Committee be requested to provide preconvention housing and meeting facilities for such committees;

b) That it be left to the President of Synod to determine which committees shall be entitled to such preconvention housing and meeting facilities and that he so notify the Convention Committee.

Action of Synod: This report of Committee 18 was *adopted.*

Preservation of the President in an Accident

Report of Committee 18:

WHEREAS, The Lord of the Church in a most miraculous manner preserved the life of our beloved President and his coworkers in a recent automobile accident in Texas; therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention offer up thanks and praise to God Almighty and that we give expression to our thanksgiving by rising and singing Hymn 17 [in the convention booklet], "The Lord hath Helped Me Hitherto."

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted* and the recommendation carried out.

Resolutions of Lay Delegates

The following *resolutions* of the lay delegates, who had held frequent meetings during the convention, were *adopted by Synod:*

Reporting to Congregations

Resolved, That the lay delegates assembled at this Centennial Convention consider it their duty to report to the congregations which they represent the actions taken by Synod and urge the congregations to carry out such resolutions.

Participation in Debt and Jubilee Collection

Resolved, That we lay delegates fully realize the inestimable benefit that will accrue to our Church if the old synodical debt is completely wiped out and that we therefore pledge ourselves whole-heartedly to support whatever program Synod adopts for its debt reduction and also for its Centennial Jubilee Collection.

Program for Meetings of Lay Delegates

At the meetings of the lay delegates to this synodical convention much thought was given to the benefit of such lay meetings, particularly if these meetings can be organized on the basis of a well-prepared program. The laymen believe that, with the proper kind of coordinated program, much could be done that would be of benefit to Synod, particularly to the laymen present. Prompted by these considerations, we respectfully petition Synod to adopt the following *resolutions:*

Resolved, That the program of future conventions of Synod shall require the early calling of a meeting of lay delegates, which meeting may be continued through adjourned sessions as the lay delegates may find opportunity; and be it further

Resolved, That the President of Synod be requested to appoint a committee in anticipation of such lay meetings, which committee shall prepare a program for the guidance of these lay meetings.

Publication of "Today's Business"

We have been informed that this is the first convention of Synod at which a daily bulletin such as *Today's Business* was distributed. Such being the case, we have every reason to rejoice over the practise, which has proved of great benefit to the laymen. Without it we would have found difficulty in grasping the full import of many resolutions presented to the convention for action. We therefore respectfully recommend that Synod

Resolve, That the daily bulletins *Today's Business* be issued by the Synod at future conventions.

Wreath for Tomb of Dr. Walther

The *St. Louis Convention Committee* presented the following *resolutions:*

Resolved, That Synod instruct its President to place a wreath upon the tomb of Dr. C. F. W. Walther in Concordia Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.; and be it further

Resolved, That this wreath be placed immediately following the afternoon session on Thursday, June 23, 1938.

Action of Synod: These resolutions were *adopted* and carried out.

Resolutions of Thanks and Appreciation

Upon recommendation of *Committee 18,* Synod expressed its appreciation and sincere gratitude to the following:

1) To the essayists, Dr. F. Pfotenhauer, Dr. J. T. Mueller, and Rev. Paul Schulz, for their timely and instructive papers;

2) To all retiring members of boards and committees who during the last three years so diligently labored in behalf of Synod;

3) To the congregations in St. Louis and vicinity and the various committees which so efficiently provided for the housing of the convention;

4) To the citizens of the city of St. Louis for the many courtesies extended;

5) To the press and news agencies for the space given to the proceedings of the convention;

6) To the mass chorus of churches in St. Louis and vicinity, Mr. Walter Wismar, director, and the St. Louis A-Cappella Choir, Mr. Wm. B. Heyne, director, for the courtesies extended;

7) To the Woodstock Typewriter Company for the generous loan of typewriters used during the convention;

8) To the A. B. Dick Mimeograph Company for its courtesy in placing at the convention's disposal a mimeograph machine;

9) To the Lutheran Laymen's League for its courtesy in placing at the disposal of the Convention Committee its office facilities;

10) To Geo. Kilgen & Son, Inc., for the use of the organ used at the convention;

11) To the American Seating Company for the use of its altar;

12) To the Architectural Bronze Studio, Inc., for the use of its altar cross;

13) To the Postmaster of St. Louis for services rendered the convention.

Resolutions of Condolence

Upon the recommendation of *Committee 18,* Synod passed the following resolutions of condolence:

WHEREAS, The Lord of the Church has deemed it wise to translate from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant the souls of the following venerable leaders: Prof. J. T. Link, Seward, Nebr.; Prof. R. W. Heintze, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.; the Fourth Vice-President of Synod, the Rev. F. Randt of St. Paul, Minn.; the President of the Eastern District, the Rev. F. C. Verwiebe of Buffalo, N. Y.; Statistician E. Eckhardt of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. Eugene Harms, member of the Board of Control of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Centennial Convention assembled in the year of our Lord 1938

1) Instruct the Secretary to convey expressions of condolence to the bereaved families;

2) Do hereby gratefully acknowledge the loyal services of these esteemed leaders.

Greetings Extended

The *Milwaukee Concordia Alumni Association* presented the following resolution, which was *adopted by Synod:*

WHEREAS, on June 10 of this year Dr. Otto Hattstaedt terminated his teaching at Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis., having served this school for fifty-four years as professor of German language and literature; and

WHEREAS, The resignation of Dr. Hattstaedt brings to a close the first chapter in the history of the Milwaukee Concordia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hattstaedt was the last of the original faculty, the famous "Old Guard," that laid the foundations of the school and by a lifetime of faithful service developed an institution that has prepared several thousands of young men for the glorious work of the Gospel ministry; and

WHEREAS, Three other members of this "Old Guard" are still living: Prof. Emil Hamann, first director and teacher of science; Prof. G. W. Mueller, head of the English Department for over half a century; and Prof. M. J. F. Albrecht, for twenty-eight years president of the institution; therefore be it

Resolved, That Synod send its greetings to these faithful servants of the Church, thank God for the many blessings He has showered upon us through these able teachers, and implore the benediction of our Lord upon the eventide of their life.

Greetings Received

Greetings were received, mostly by cablegram or telegraph, from the following: President W. Janzow, D. D., President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Australia; Dr. and Mrs. J. H. C. Fritz, who were in Australia at the time; President R. Kretzschmar, D. D., and Mr. W. F. Weiherman, who were starting out on a Walther League tour to Europe; the North Wisconsin District of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States, by their President and Secre-

tary, the pastors W. E. Pankow and G. E. Boettcher; the Eastern District of the American Lutheran Church, assembled in convention at Fordham Church, New York; the Texas District of the American Lutheran Church; the Luther Conference of Louisiana and Mississippi assembled in Augustana Evangelical Lutheran Church at Alexandria, Louisiana.

Next Synodical Convention

Report of Committee 18:

Since invitations for the synodical convention in 1941 have been received from the Chamber of Commerce in Houston, Texas, and also from the Lutheran congregations of our Synod in the Fort Wayne area, your Committee recommends that

1. The invitation from the Lutheran Churches in Fort Wayne, Indiana, for the 1941 convention be gratefully accepted;

2. Synod's Secretary send a letter to the Houston Chamber of Commerce thanking them for the courtesy of their invitation.

Action of Synod: This report was *adopted.*

Officers and Boards Elected for Three Years

A. GENERAL OFFICERS

President: The Rev. J. W. Behnken, D. D.
First Vice-President: The Rev. F. J. Lankenau, D. D.
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Third Vice-President: The Rev. H. Grueber.
Fourth Vice-President: The Rev. H. Harms.
Secretary: The Rev. M. F. Kretzmann.
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Corresponding Secretary for Foreign Connections: Prof. L. Fuerbringer, D. D.
Statistician and Chronologist: The Rev. S. Michael.
Editor of "Lutheran Witness": Prof. M. S. Sommer, Litt. D.
Transportation Secretary: The Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim.

Board of Directors: The President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, *ex officio;* Revs. G. Chr. Barth and Paul Schulz; Messrs. A. H. Ahlbrand, Henry W. Horst, E. J. Gallmeyer, W. H. Schlueter.

B. BOARDS OF CONTROL

Ex officio, the President of the respective District

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Mo.: Revs. A. Doerffler, R. Jesse, and L. J. Sieck; Messrs. Wm. Drees, Richard Waltke, Emil Hartmann, O. Huesemann, and E. Schuettner.

Concordia Seminary, Springfield, Ill.: Rev. B. Selcke; Messrs. J. Rodenburg, O. Droste, and E. W. Schulze.

Concordia Teachers' College, River Forest, Ill.: Rev. A. W. Bartling; Messrs. Paul Schulze, Wm. Schlake, and C. Garbers.

Concordia Teachers' College, Seward, Nebr.: Rev. C. H. Becker, D. D.; Messrs. C. Eikenhorst, Fred Koltermann, E. Jones, P. Herpolsheimer, and Carl Schmieding.

Concordia College, Fort Wayne, Ind.: Rev. Walter Klausing; Messrs. Paul Gallmeier, F. C. Meyer, Otto Scheimann.

Concordia College, Milwaukee, Wis.: Rev. Geo. Beiderwieden; Messrs. E. Pritzlaff, A. G. Boedecker, and Theo. Krueger.

Concordia College, St. Paul, Minn.: Rev. F. J. Seltz; Messrs. J. Henke, Walter Randt, and J. Piepkorn.

St. Paul's College, Concordia, Mo.: Rev. W. O. Schmidt; Messrs. Henry Rolf, Louis Dierker, and Louis Pinkepank.

Concordia Collegiate Institute, Bronxville, N. Y.: Rev. George Koenig; Messrs. Chas. Nehring, J. L. Kemp, and F. W. Overbeck.

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Concordia College, Portland, Oreg.: Rev. H. H. Koppelmann; Messrs. L. E. Hoffmann, E. Balgemann, and P. Neils.

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Concordia Seminary, Porto Alegre, Brazil: Rev. Werner Wadewitz; Messrs. Hans Goerl, Oswald Sager, and Johann Becker.

Colegio Concordia, Crespo, Argentina: Rev. C. F. Truenow; Messrs. Heinrich Jakobi, Alexander Schaefer, Heinrich Schneider.

C. ELECTORAL BOARDS

The President of Synod is represented on each Board *ex officio*
The Board of Control casts one collective vote

St. Louis: Rev. H. J. Bouman, Rev. Otto Erbe, Rev. Oscar Kaiser, Rev. O. H. Schmidt, Rev. Alfred Fuehler. — Rev. O. P. Kretzmann, Rev. O. R. Harms, Rev. H. M. Zorn, Rev. Geo. Koenig, Rev. R. C. Jahn.

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Edmonton: Rev. H. J. Boettcher, Rev. A. Appelt, Rev. C. T. Wetzstein, Rev. A. Fuhr, Rev. C. C. Janzow. — Rev. A. Eissfeldt, Rev. A. J. Mueller, Rev. J. Lucht, Rev. A. Fenske, Rev. H. Kuring.

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The following boards of electors were ratified by Synod:

Fort Wayne: Rev. Theo. Schurdel, Rev. E. Eggers, Rev. Wm. Dau, Rev. F. Hertwig, Rev. A. F. Bernthal.

Portland: Rev. H. W. Gross, Rev. E. Eichmann, Rev. M. C. Kauth, Rev. F. Zehe; Teacher G. Beckmann.

N. B. Those mentioned after the dash are not members of the respective boards but are to be called upon to serve if one or the other of the elected cannot function.

D. MISSION BOARDS

Board of Home Missions in North America: Rev. E. J. Dierker, Rev. Wm. Grother, Rev. E. F. Schueler, Rev. Fr. Selle; Mr. E. Kuechle, Mr. Wm. C. Loysen, Mr. Henry Vetter.

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Board for Missions to the Deaf and Blind: Rev. Hugo A. Gamber, Rev. C. J. Hoffmann, Rev. E. H. Bertram; Mr. Edw. A. Gehrke, Mr. J. P. Miller.

Mission Board for South America: Rev. F. G. Miessler, Rev. Conrad Lehenbauer, Rev. E. V. Haserodt, Rev. Tr. Thieme; Mr. H. F. Rohrman, Mr. G. F. Bauer, Mr. E. Tatge.

Board of Home Missions in Europe: Rev. A. G. Dick, Rev. E. F. Miller, Rev. P. G. Sander; Mr. Carl Russ, Mr. Geo. Overbeck.

E. VARIOUS BOARDS

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Board of Support and Pensions: Rev. F. G. Kuehnert; Teacher A. W. Obermann; Mr. C. H. Dehning, Mr. Theo. Doering, Mr. Walter J. Meyer; together with the following members at large: Rev. F. A. Hertwig, Rev. E. G. Nachtsheim; Teacher Theo. M. Kosche; Mr. Geo. Weigle, Mr. Aug. Eggerding.

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Committee on Constitutional Matters: Prof. L. Fuerbringer, D. D., Prof. J. H. C. Fritz, D. D.; Mr. J. W. Boehne, Sr.

Committee on Church Architecture: Rev. F. R. Webber, Rev. Adolf Stiemke; Mr. Harold Bernhard, Mr. J. A. Fichter, Mr. F. Wegner.

Student Welfare Committee: Rev. Walter C. Birkner, Prof. E. M. Plass; Mr. Edgar Friedrich.

General Relief Board: Rev. W. Klausing, Prof. W. H. Kruse; Mr. P. E. Wolf.

Board of Auditors: Mr. Wm. Lottman, Mr. A. Rathert, Mr. W. H. Roschke.

Board for Young People's Work: Prof. Theo. Graebner, D. D., Rev. E. L. Roschke; Teacher Theodore Hillman, Teacher M. J. Roschke; Mr. Walter Gast.

Electoral Board for Nominating Committee for 1941: Rev. F. A. Hertwig, Rev. A. H. A. Loeber, Rev. Emil H. Voss; Teacher J. W. Straub; Mr. M. A. Salvner, Mr. Arnold F. Rockensuess, Mr. George Halter.

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