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The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; let Him not leave us, nor forsake us. 1 Kings 8:57.

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## THE SAINTS' INHERITANCE

Col. 1:9-14

Dear Father in Heaven, we praise Thee and bless Thee  
For all that is ours in Christ Jesus, Thy Son!  
Thy Spirit of Truth bids us laud and confess Thee;  
Our songs of thanksgiving ascend to Thy throne.

Our choicest, divinest, and holiest Treasure,  
Our Alpha and our blest Omega Thou art, —  
The Source of abiding, true, undefiled pleasure!  
A foretaste of Heaven Thy smile doth impart.

How sweet is the nectar that streams from the pages  
Of Thy everlasting, most excellent Word!  
Our pilgrimage sorrows and fears it assuages,  
And strength from on high the blest Fount doth afford.

Redeemed by the Blood of Christ Jesus, our Savior,  
And cleansed from all sin in that wonderful flow,  
O may we rejoice in Thy pardon's free favor,  
And bear fruits of faith as we journey below.

Released from the thralldom of hell's domination,  
Called out from the darkness of sin's dismal night,  
What joy to partake of Christ's blood-bought salvation,  
And enter with saints His blest Kingdom of Light!

O grant us true wisdom, — divine understanding!  
With love, joy, and patience our hearts do Thou fill,  
Then faith will behold earth's dark storm-clouds disbanding,  
And see the bright sun of Thy grace beaming still!

Lead, guide, and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit,  
And ne'er from the path of Thy Truth may we rove,  
Till saved by Thy grace Salem's Home we inherit  
And dwell evermore in the mansions above.

O Triune Eternal, Thy Zion shall bless Thee!  
The Heavens with sweet Hallelujahs shall ring!  
Our anthems of triumph shall laud and confess Thee  
Forever and ever our God and our King!

Anna Hoppe.

## THE ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOURTH PSALM

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord,  
which by night stand in the house of the Lord.

2. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.
3. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion.

### Public Servants of the Lord

Advent has come and with it the beginning of a new Church Year. Christian people realize the purport of such beginning. As Christ the Sun of righteousness who gives us spiritual life and light and warmth, is of

much higher import to us Christians than the natural sun, great as are its earthly bounties bestowed upon us by the Heavenly Father through its light and heat, — so the Church Year with its spiritual blessings means more to us than the secular year with its material blessing. It is ever, therefore, a matter of much rejoicing with all true Christians when a new Church Year is ushered in by the time warranted Advent message: "Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee." It assures them that, however undeserving of it they may be, Christ the blessed Savior is still with them in His Word that is being preached to them, and that they may still enjoy His gracious presence all the year round.

But who are the heralds of such Advent message? Christ no longer dwelling visibly among us, and still blessing us with His personal presence, it is evident that there must be living agencies through whom He Himself extends to us the glorious message of the season. These living agencies are none other than the public servants of the Lord or the ministers of the Gospel, and of these we hear in the one hundred and thirty-fourth Psalm.

"Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord." The exclamation: "Behold," draws attention to the weight and importance of what the Psalmist is communicating. And for whom is his communication meant? It is meant specially for those who stand in the house of the Lord and who are His public servants. These, at the time of the Psalmist, evidently were the Priests and Levites. They were appointed to minister in holy things; they attended the sanctuary, and kept the charge of the house of the Lord. We are informed of this their calling more specifically in Number 3:5-8: "And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Bring the tribe Levi near and present them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle. And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle." Some of these did by night stand in the house of the Lord, to guard the holy things of the temple, that they might not be profaned, and the rich things that they might not be plundered. They attended likewise to

see that neither the fire on the altar nor the lamps in the candlesticks, went out. Now these public servants of the Lord are here called upon to bless Him, to glorify God's holy name, to proclaim His truth, and thus attend to the public worship of God. And this may serve as a basis for a brief discourse on the public ministry of the Word, which is instituted by God for the upbuilding and maintenance of His Kingdom on earth.

### Public Ministry of the Word

We are accustomed to speak of the ministry of the church, and there is reason for this. It is true, all Christian believers become servants of Christ when by His grace they are brought to know Him as their Lord and Savior. He wants no idlers among His followers, but calls them all to be laborers in His vineyard. The chief work that is to be done on earth is to preach Christ, to publish the glad tidings of salvation in Christ to all nations, as it was designed for all the world. Therefore the apostle writes to all believers: "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His own marvelous light." 1 Pet. 2:9. All believers in Christ are spiritual priests and as such have the duty and the privilege to preach the Gospel.

Yet though all Christians have the calling to serve the Lord by carrying the Gospel to the ends of the earth, all are not called to exercise the office of the Gospel ministry **publicly**. Luther says, if every one would preach, who would constitute the hearers? If all would preach, there would be utter confusion and battle like in a pond full of frogs. God wants order observed in His Church. No one should presume to preach the Word in public unless he is a regularly called and appointed servant of the Church. To violate this rule is to run contrary to the Scriptural injunction, "How shall they preach except they be sent?" Hence the Lord has instituted a special office in the Church for the public exercise of the ministry, and those that are called by Christians to fill that office are public servants of the Lord or ministers of the Gospel.

What is their duty? In what does their calling chiefly consist? The Psalmist enjoins upon them, "Bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord." To bless the Lord is to praise God, to show forth His praises, to reveal His beauty which consists both in His holiness and righteousness, as well as in His abundant grace and mercy toward sinners. It is to declare God's eternal counsels for the salvation of man, to proclaim the truth, to preach the Gospel of Him whom God has sent into this world to save mankind.

In a more comprehensive term, as intimated in the language of the New Testament, to "bless the Lord"

would mean to become stewards of the mysteries of God. "Let a man so account of us as stewards of the mysteries of God," says Paul of the called ministers of Christ. God has given us the commission to do His work as His ministers, and He has given us the means wherewith to do it and wherewith alone it can be done; He has provided means of grace by which salvation is brought to us and made ours. These are the Gospel and the Sacraments which are the bearers of the salvation of God. And these are the mysteries of God. They contain things which man's mind could never devise and which, when God reveals them, man's mind is unable to fathom; and they accomplish things which our knowledge of natural laws cannot explain and which our reason cannot comprehend. No need of enlarging upon these mysteries of God here. The Gospel is a wonderful revelation, and its work in this world is wonderful.

Of these mysteries the public servants of the Lord are stewards. They are the housekeepers who have charge of the Lord's goods, that they may administer them according to the Lord's will and directions. The steward must obey the instructions given him. The authority is not his; he is not the Lord over God's heritage, but only its administrator. Any abuse of this power given him will render him an unfaithful servant of the Lord. All this involves

### Faithfulness on the Part of the Public Servants of the Lord

What the Master requires of His servant is not general popularity in the community, or common satisfaction in the congregation, or great personal attractiveness, or that he is a good mixer, capable of increasing the membership of his church from year to year; but faithfulness. "Moreover, it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." 1 Cor. 4:1.

Wherein does this faithfulness consist? "Bless ye the Lord," the Psalmist enjoins upon all the public servants of God. That surely implies that they serve God in carrying out His designs for the salvation of man faithfully by the preaching of His Word, without any respect of persons or any consideration of conditions which might confront them. St. Paul gives this charge to Timothy: "I charge thee, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom: Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine." 2 Tim. 4:1-2.

The minister who is faithful will strive to preach the whole counsel of God and rightly to divide the Word of Truth. He will proclaim the Law and the Gospel. He will preach the Law in such a manner as to drive the sinner to his knees and to repentance, humbling him under a consciousness of an utter beg-

gary before God, convincing him of his own sin and condemnation, and thus showing him the need of a Savior. And when the preaching of the Law has attained its purpose and has brought men to a knowledge of their sins and utter helplessness, then the faithful minister will at once show the amazing love of God to sinners in not sparing His own Son, but delivering Him up for us all, by the preaching of the Gospel. He will preach Christ as standing literally in our stead under the condemnation of our sins; all our guilt laid upon Him; He, the condemned One for us, that we might be accounted the righteous in Him; and thus pleading with the poor and penitent sinner to lay hold on Jesus His Savior with implicit faith.

This Word of reconciliation the faithful minister preaches in all its positiveness. He questions not in the least the authority or divine inspiration of the Word, as do the modernists, but is unhesitatingly positive and sounds this saving message in men's ears. There is nothing uncertain about God's Word; nay, God's Word is definite, certain, sure. And it behooves those, who have been called as messengers from God on high, to preach that Word, whether people want to hear or not. Yes, they will be instant with that Word in season and out of season, both in and out of the pulpit, in the sick-chambers and in the abodes of health, in the highways and in the byways.

Not to go beyond the scope of our Psalm there is still another feature indicated here relative to the faithfulness of a pastor. The Psalmist admonishes: "Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord." The lifting up of hands is expressive of prayer. It includes adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication, filling our hearts and mind with pleas and intercession for others.

It is unthinkable that a called minister of Christ should not lead a life of prayer. More than anyone on earth does he need God's assistance for the Gospel ministry to which he is called, "and who is sufficient for these things?" 2 Cor. 2:16. Prayer must be the very breath of a pastor. He will pray before the performance of all ministerial duties and functions. He will pray for the Lord's guidance, help, and grace; for wisdom, courage, and tact. He will pray while preparing his sermons, as well as before and after delivering them, sending up prayers to the Throne of God that He would make the message of the Word effective in the hearts of the hearers. The true pastor will pray for the welfare of his own soul; he will pray for the members of his own household, for all the souls under his spiritual care, for the whole Christian Church on earth, thus standing in these days of the Church's dire need before the breach with ceaseless and fervent prayer, and pouring out his heart in songs of thanksgiving and praise to the Giver of all good things.

### The Blessing of Such Ministry of the Word

"The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion." Surely such faithful ministry of the Gospel will not be in vain. God Himself will bless us, for He has sent forth His servants to do that very thing; and He is able to bless us, for He made heaven and earth. He lacks neither mercy nor might, neither kindness nor power. He, who made and owns and rules all things, must have infinite resources of blessings; and it is His counsel to pour out all blessings upon Zion, His beloved Church.

Blessed is the Church, blessed the congregation, blessed are all its members, if the Word of God is administered to them faithfully, and if they accept such ministrations with humble and grateful hearts. It is in this wise that the way of the Lord is prepared to the hearts of His people, and the Advent message: "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee!" becomes effective.

J. J.

### COMMENTS

**Interesting To Note** It is interesting to note how much similarity there is between the various church bodies at least in one respect, namely in the manner in which their members contribute for missions, institutions and charities.

We have before us the financial report of another body. This body had till October first raised 43.6% of its budgetary appropriations, and it has only three more months to collect the remaining 56.4%.

Of 2,708 congregations, 604 had not contributed at all; 1,464 had raised less than 50% of their apportionment; 479, 50% and over; and only 161 had remitted their full quota or more.

It is always easier to see the mote in the neighbor's eye than the beam in our own. A brief study of the faults of some one else may perhaps call our attention to our own. Nathan employed this method when he preached repentance to David.

All of these congregations had been represented in some way or other when the appropriations were made. So they ordered the various boards and committees to expend a certain amount of money.

This the boards and committees obediently began to do. But soon there were no more funds. True, they could have dismissed one-half of the professors and missionaries, sent one-half of the students home, and turned one-half of the poor out into the cold. Did the congregations want them to do this? By no means.

Or, the salaries of the professors and the missionaries could have been cut in two, and the students and the poor put on half rations. But that would have meant something like starvation for those affected, and the congregations do not want to see any one starve. Well, then there was only one other thing to do, the

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necessary money had to be borrowed, and so a new indebtedness was created.

The missions, the institutions and the charities are all running as before, but now there are the creditors. They will want their money back sooner or later; they are entitled to it; and Christians should pay their debts. Suppose that these creditors went to the individual congregations to collect. Those congregations that raised one-half of their apportionment for 1927 would perhaps be able to cover their deficiency of the past year and meet the apportionment for 1928 by making a special effort. But the others would very likely say to the creditors, Why, we cannot even meet this year's apportionment, how shall we return your money to you? Better see the 161 congregations; judging from their contributions in 1927 they have a lot of money.

In other words, the debt will be saddled principally on the very persons that did not help to create it.

Not that this will harm the congregations in question. If they have sowed liberally in faith and in love, they are already reaping and will continue to reap in all eternity.

But are those whose neglect brings on such conditions doing what is honest, fair, brotherly and Christian? Are they not harming themselves, starving their Lord and in doing so, starving their own souls?

Surely you are ready with your opinion on these delinquent congregations. But that is not what we want to hear. Nathan said to David, "Thou art the man."

How about our own synod and its congregations? By 1923 we had built up a solid, robust indebtedness of some \$289,000.00. We all had done our share in creating this indebtedness. Then the Seminary Building Committee was instructed to collect a building fund and at the same time to wipe out this indebtedness. By the grace of God this has been practically achieved.

But only about one-fourth of our congregations met their full apportionment for these two purposes. Some have failed their synod entirely, and others

stopped before they reached the goal, a goodly number hardly making a fair start.

Now we have instructed the brethren in New Ulm to erect a new recitation hall for our teachers' seminary. For this \$275,000.00 above the sum on hand will be needed. The building operations have been begun. They will be continued vigorously in spring. The contractors will want money. If there are no funds in readiness, moneys will have to be borrowed. Our indebtedness will again be increased.

Our Treasurer's report shows a considerable deficit in our current expenditures during the first three months of the biennium. One of our Districts has exceeded its apportionment; the rest of us have fallen behind, some Districts, considerably.

You see, that is our beam. Now let us judge ourselves, as we were ready to judge others. And let us repent of our neglect of the Lord's cause.

Our financial condition is not at all hopeless. If all the congregations collect the balance of their quota for Seminary and Debts, and if all make it their business to meet the apportionment for current expenditures, we will have our new seminary and will have provided splendidly for Dr. Martin Luther College, and our indebtedness will not be as large as it was at the beginning of the present biennium.

Should this fact not move us to gratitude toward our God and impel us to make an earnest effort to do our share?

J. B.

**Dubious Indeed** "A dubious victory," The Baptist calls it, and we assent, dubious indeed.

Protestantism has gained another dubious victory. The Supreme Court of Minnesota has decided that a School Board may order the Bible to be read in the school without note or comment. Thus the law proposes to "implant higher moral and ethical standards and a knowledge of the Bible" without "teaching the doctrines of any religious sect." Well, for the purpose of building moral character the Bible is of supreme value but not when so used. To compel the reading is bad enough, but to forbid explanation of its meaning for life is worse. What impression must such a regulation make on the mind of a discerning pupil? It is bad pedagogy, bad religion and bad morals. It is a poorly disguised and not clearly conscientious effort to educate for Protestantism and is itself a sectarian measure. There is a better way, namely, to put a true man or woman in the school room, to leave the teacher free in the use of all available character-forming material, and trust the result. Such a teacher will find use for the Bible and will know how to use it. Is Protestantism trying by legal devices to secure its grip upon public education and inviting a reaction that will turn the schools against it?

What The Baptist says here about teaching the Bible without explanation, or, reading the Bible without heed to its central message, we have said in these columns again and again.

But as to "the better way," we do not agree with the writer. Can Christian parents really leave it to the teacher to avail himself of everything he may

choose to use in the training of the child, the Bible, the Koran, or whatever book for which he may have a predilection? Shall the Catholic teacher in the public school be permitted thus to inculcate the child with his conceptions? Shall the Christian Scientist be permitted to mold the character of the child in his forms? Shall the State so provide for the teacher the opportunity to disseminate his religious views, paying him his salary, furnishing the buildings and the equipment and compelling attendance?

Does that not mean putting the teacher in the parent's place?

Have we a better solution? None but that of the school a parent himself provided for his child, a school that trains the child in the faith of the parent. However, having public schools, we must keep them free from religious propaganda of every kind, though nearly everybody admits to-day that there is really no education without religion.

J. B.

#### JOINT COMMITTEE AND NORTHWESTERN LUTHERAN

At its recent meeting in Milwaukee (October 18th to 20th) the Joint Committee of Synod made some regulations as to what is in future to be published in the department "From Our Church Circles" and the amount of space which is to be allowed for articles of a certain nature. Such measures were adopted not to discriminate against anyone or to rule out any matter of general interest, but rather to insure space for articles of this kind at the expense of others that interest but a small circle, or relate what is of no consequence. Please call this to mind if the rulings made affect adversely anything you send in for print. The rulings follow:

1. Regarding what in future shall be given space:
  - A. In regard to pastors and teachers.
    - a) Obituaries of these and of their wives.
    - b) Jubilees of pastors and teachers, provided the jubilee celebrated no less than twenty-five years of service.
    - c) Wedding anniversaries of pastors and teachers, but none under the fiftieth.
  - B. In regard to congregations and their members.
    - a) The dedication of churches, parsonages, schools, and organs.
    - b) Anniversaries of congregations or of the dedication of their churches, provided the time the jubilee observes be not less than twenty-five years.
    - c) Reports of re-dedication after renovation.
    - d) Wedding anniversaries of church members, but only from the fiftieth upward.
    - e) Anniversaries of church elders from the twenty-fifth upward.

2. Reports on happenings which do not interest as generally as others, are to be submitted with a corresponding brevity, not to contain more than one hundred words. To matters of a more general interest a larger space is to be granted, but the aim should always be to court brevity, to report only what is essential, — as not essential you may consider, for instance, the state of the weather, how the guests at a particular festival were entertained or fed.

3. These regulations of the Joint Committee are to be published in the official papers of the Synod.

On our own initiative we would add the following:

- 1) Use only one side of the paper when writing for print.
- 2) Leave a margin for corrections.
- 3) Set your lines at double space.
- 4) Write plainly.
- 5) When having a cut prepared for our use, have it made no wider than  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches; if it is wider than  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches it will require a two-column space.

G.

#### OUR SYNODICAL COMMITTEE

In accordance with instructions received from Synod your Synodical Committee met in Saint John's Lutheran Parish School, Milwaukee, October 17th to 20th. Forty-three official representatives were present to discuss the matters entrusted to their charge for Synod's welfare. These men labored conscientiously and well for many hours every day during the session time. The institutions of Synod occupied the attention of the committee at the beginning. We have four educational institutions within our Synod, the Theological Seminary at Wauwatosa; the Teacher's Seminary and Preparatory School at New Ulm, Minnesota; the Northwestern College at Watertown, Wis.; and the Michigan Seminary at Saginaw, Michigan. Thirty-five professors and four tutors are in charge of 625 students, of these 187 enrolled in the fall of 1927. A new professor will be added to the New Ulm faculty within the next few weeks. Synod voted \$356,841.79 for the operation and maintenance of these institutions. Your committee was glad to hear that peace and harmony prevails in the faculties and within the student body of all these institutions. In regard to the discussion on the paper written by Pastor Beitz concerning which an opinion of the Theological Faculty was requested by the officials of the West Wisconsin District your secretary was instructed to make this statement for the Board of Regents of the Theological Seminary: concerning the deliberations on the paper of Pastor Beitz we hereby report that the entire committee including all members of the faculty of our Theological Seminary *without exception* declared that the aforementioned paper contains slanderous libels and false doctrines. In connection with these institutional reports your committee took action in regard

to establishing uniformity in regard to student support at all institutions. The "Student Father" of the Minnesota District inaugurated a new system simplifying the business part of this worthy cause by supplying the students on the support list with identification cards which are presented to the local treasurer of the institution they attend, thus enabling the local treasurer to draw payments from the proper source without any delay. Upon resolution of the committee the chairman appointed Pastor R. Heidmann, Pastor E. G. Fritz and Mr. F. Retzlaff as a subcommittee to work out a definite plan according to which the support of indigent students shall be regulated in all districts in the future.

The matter of college sports was discussed and finally referred to another subcommittee consisting of Pastor Paul Brockmann, Prof. John Meyer, and Mr. F. Wolf of Jefferson, Wis. This committee was furthermore instructed to present recommendations pertaining to the publication of college papers.

The Seminary Building Committee reported that the Van Dyke site had been sold for \$107,500.00.

The members of the Synodical Committee inspected several proposed sites for the Theological Seminary in and near Milwaukee. After a thorough discussion of the various proposed sites the Building Committee was instructed to abide by the resolutions adopted by Synod that no building should be erected on the present seminary site unless an unconditional title of the land can be obtained, and that the seminary should be built in or near Milwaukee.

The Board of Regents of our Teacher's Seminary reported that a building program has been adopted in accordance with resolutions of Synod. The contract for the foundation of the new recitation hall was awarded to the lowest bidder, his figures being \$23,724.00. The trenches have been dug and are ready for the concrete.

The Educational Commission and the Board of Regents of our Teacher's Seminary were instructed to investigate school conditions in Nebraska and South Dakota and to work out some plan according to which our candidates from the Teacher's Seminary may acquire the necessary teachers' certificate in these states. Prof. W. Schaller was appointed to present a paper on "Accrediting our educational institutions" at the next session of the Synodical Committee. Whereas the congregation at Kenosha, Wis., offered to the Synod its High School, the chairman was instructed to appoint a subcommittee to deliberate upon the conditions according to which such schools may be placed under synodical supervision and may receive financial support from Synod. This subcommittee is to consist of two pastors and one layman.

The report on our missions then occupied the attention of the committee. The chairman of the Mission Board informed the committee that this Board had assigned amounts totalling the sum of \$112,000.00 as voted by Synod to the various Districts for the erection of churches

and parsonages. This means a great saving to the Synod in moneys paid out for rent. The work among the *Indians* is progressing. We have 21 inmates in the orphanage and 32 pupils in the Boarding School. It has become necessary to place a missionary in San Carlos once more, because a large number of Indians are living there while the government is constructing a large dam. *Important steps* must be taken in *Poland* to prosper our missionary work there. Pastor Dasler felt that the advice of an experienced pastor from our midst was needed in this emergency. The committee approved the action of the Executive Committee for Missions in Poland in calling Pastor John Gauss into active service for our Missions in Poland.

The request of the Arizona Conference for the organization of a separate synodical district in our Joint Synod was refused, because that new district would consist of mission congregations only who need synodical help to finance their own budget, and of missionaries who either serve in our home mission fields or in the Indian mission work; the committee therefore held that it would be neither wise nor desirable at this time to grant the Arizona Conference permission to organize a separate Synodical District. A special committee reported on the publication of personal matters, such as anniversaries of pastors, teachers and congregations, in our official synodical organs. The editors of the "Gemeindeblatt" and the "Northwestern Lutheran" have been instructed to publish these regulations and are to be guided by them in the future.

The vacancy caused by the death of Pastor Carl Gausewitz in the Northwestern College Board was filled by the appointment of Pastor H. K. Moussa; a similar vacancy in the Seminary Board is to be filled by appointment of the President upon recommendation of the Seminary Board.

President Im. Albrecht reported upon his efforts of trying to organize the special committee to act on the memorials of the congregations at Marshfield and Prairie du Chien. Up to October 17th these congregations had not sent in any nominations for their representatives in this committee. Thereupon the President of the West Wisconsin District made the announcement that he could no longer wait for the organization of this committee and would be obliged to call a special meeting of the West Wisconsin District to dispose of the pending matter in a God-pleasing way.

Let us remember that the members of the Synodical Committee sacrificed their time and effort as your servants in the interest of God's Kingdom. Let us cooperate with them to carry on our share of the Lord's work with a willing and joyful heart. Your secretary was instructed to write this report on the last session of the Synodical Committee for your information to make you willing to exert every effort to accomplish the things that were resolved upon at the last convention of our Joint Synod. The Synodical Report will be in your hand soon, please

study it carefully and give the proposed work your full measure of unselfish support. In closing permit me to appeal to you once more in the cause of our Seminary Building Committee and the charge given to it by unanimous resolution of Synod, *to bring to a successful finish our Seminary Building Collection*. For the sake of the good name of our Synod, for the welfare of our future ministers, and finally to prove our loyalty to our patient, faithful, and conscientious building committee let us finish the task before us before the close of the year 1927.

A. C. Haase, Secretary.

### A HAND-WRITTEN HYMNAL

A Bulletin published by the Southern Presbyterian missionaries in Korea contains the following story: "He was the father of a family of three, and himself past his prime when he first heard the Gospel story. There was no doubting the sincerity of his interest. An educated man, but dissipated, he was without funds or property, and unable to earn more than a bare living for himself and family by teaching a small Korean school. One of the essentials of a Korean service is singing. Everyone must sing — the song book takes its place alongside the Bible, in fact in many instances they are bound together when printed. This man had no song book, but his determination to sing the songs with the others when he attended services, and in his family worship, led him to borrow a book from the missionary, which was returned in thirty days. He then exhibited his own book, made entirely by his hand, using a brush and a soft blank paper. For thirty days he had labored through nearly the whole of every night, as he painstakingly wrote out each word of the more than 250 songs in the hymn book. The relative poverty of the Korean will be appreciated when the cost of a new song book is considered. This is seventeen sen, or eight and a half cents. It was for lack of this sum, combined with a passion to sing the praises of God with his fellows, that he spent over two hundred hours copying the songs."

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### THE MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE OF TEACHERS

of the Joint Synod of Wisconsin and Other States convened from November 2nd to 4th, in the hospitable congregation of the Rev. G. F. Wacker at Pigeon, Mich.

This year's participation in our conference, organized in 1911, was especially gratifying. It is encouraging and truly of great benefit, that not only our lady teachers attended in full number but also our pastors, who have the extra pleasant burden of teaching school. It was a record attendance. Pastors, not teaching school, but very active in furthering our schools in Michigan, could not resist to be with us and take active part in our discussions. They realize the absolute necessity of our schools and are

determined to uphold the same with the help of God. God grant that the prevailing ardent support for our Michigan schools continue and be an encouragement to all.

To inspire us for our important but greatly misjudged calling the undersigned, as chairman of the conference, applied the words of the apostle St. Paul to the Corinthians Chapter 15: 58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Not only did the discussions of the various papers arouse new interest for our calling but also the encouraging words of the Rev. G. Wacker, the instructing address of Prof. E. Berg from Saginaw, and the hearty advice of our able inspector and superintendent M. C. Gieschen, who also pictured us the life of a pedagogue.

The Rev. G. Wacker impressed upon all the need of our Christian day-school by reason of Ps. 34: 11: "Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord." Our schools serve I. the church, II. the pastors in their work for the church, III. the parents, to help them in their duty toward their children.

Prof. E. Berg impressed upon our minds that the true church is not bound to any particular church body, but alone to Christ. Its existence is not dependent on anything man-made, an external efficiency in organization, but alone on the presence of Christ. It most gloriously shone forth on the days of the Christian martyrs when all external glory was destroyed. This true church, bound alone to Christ, dependent alone on the presence of Christ, we should build. That and nothing else is the only purpose of our work. Although we strive for efficiency in our organizations, in our schools, we should not find our life, our desires, and our satisfaction in such externals. Our whole life, all our desires, all our satisfaction should be alone in Christ. Him we should glorify, and not ourselves. Our natural tendency is to make a show of ourselves and our efficient organizations. That tendency seems to be especially strong to-day. Against this we must be on our guard by again and again remembering, and meditating upon, the one and only work we have to do, which is to build the true Church of Christ.

Mr. Gieschen by his paper and advice gave all a clear insight as to matters pertaining to school and necessary to further our schools.

May God grant that our conference encourage us to work faithfully and thereby bless our Michigan schools to the Glory of the Lord.

Wm. J. Rudow

### CHRISTMAS APPEAL FROM ARIZONA

Some years ago the Northwestern Lutheran carried the picture of Blind Mike standing on the steps of our church at Whiteriver. The accompanying article told of his desire to be baptised and at the same time of his reluctance because he considered himself to be too sin-

ful. And it told of his joy when told that baptism is the gift of God for just such who consider themselves too sinful for admittance into the family of God.

The writer had not seen Mike for about two years. He had been staying with some relatives, a Scout, at Fort Huachuca some three hundred miles away near the Mexican border.

Yesterday two friendly old women came leading him to the Mission. The Missionary pretended to pass by him without speaking or stopping. But Mike had not forgotten the tone of the former's step. "Hello, Mr. G.; long time no see", came his greeting, as his right hand felt for that of the missionary. "Please, Mr. G., give me coat; nights very cold, me no coat."

Mike's plea was an abrupt reminder to the writer that he had not yet presented the former's needs and those of many others like him to our home folks this fall. Regretfully he had to admit to Mike that we had not a single coat left over in the storeroom from the supply of last Christmas. He could not give up his own Sunday coat and his other was in mending. But he did promise Mike that the first coat arriving from the East would be brought to his camp. Therefore, we appeal to you, dear reader, to help us keep our promise.

It is not necessary again to mention all the things that Mike and his comrades as well as their wives and mothers all over the reservation can use. But permit us to emphasize again the necessity for coats, overcoats, vests, trousers, underwear of all kinds, blankets or pieces of blankets not to be forgotten, dress material for the women and new or used children clothing and toys.

At our Boarding School at East Fork with its thirty-five pupils clothing of all kinds for boys and girls, also bed clothing and towels are always welcome.

At our Orphanage,—well, you know what babies need. If in doubt, write to Pastor Nitz and he will tell you what this institution is mostly in need of.

Our day schools at Bylas, Peridot, Cibecue and East Fork, have approximate enrollments of fifty-five, twenty-five, and seventy-five respectively. These children we like to fit out neatly from top to bottom, inside and outside, at Christmas time.

Let us not forget that Juvenile literature of all kinds, Primary leaflets, Bible Histories, picture books, wall mottos, etc., are welcome at all times.

Are gifts of money welcome? If you know how often your missionaries must reach into their anaemic purses in order to bring cheer and comfort here and there you would know the answer at once.

Transportation charges will be materially reduced if you pool your gifts with your neighbor and ship them by freight before November 25th. Smaller packages should be sent by Parcels Post, well wrapped, as only two of our stations are near an Express office. Address your packages to any of the following:

A. Hillmer (Bylas Mission Day School), Bylas, Arizona.

A. Uplegger, San Carlos, Arizona.

H. E. Rosin (Peridot Mission Day School), Rice, Arizona.

F. Uplegger, Rice, Arizona.

A. Arndt, Box 1163, Globe, Arizona.

A. Krueger (Cibecue Mission Day School), Cibecue, Arizona, Freight station, Holbrook, Arizona.

A. Meier (East Fork Mission Day School), Whiteriver, Arizona, Freight station, Holbrook, Arizona.

H. C. Nitz (East Fork Boarding School and Orphanage), Whiteriver, Freight station, Holbrook, Arizona.

Paul Behn, Whiteriver, Arizona, Freight station Holbrook, Arizona.

E. Edgar Guenther, Whiteriver, Arizona, Freight station, Holbrook.

Wishing you all the joy in packing and sending that we have in receiving, unpacking and distributing,

Sincerely,

E. E. G.

#### CONVENTION OF THE ASSOCIATED LUTHERAN CHARITIES

More and more helpful and interesting are the annual conventions of the Associated Lutheran Charities. The twenty-sixth convention, held at Cleveland, Ohio, September 27—29, was added proof of this. A well-balanced program had been arranged by a competent committee. In a most hospitable and practical manner the Lutherans of Cleveland and immediate vicinity provided lodging, meals and assembly-room at the Hotel Winton. Eighty delegates and more than fifty registered guests attended the sessions both mornings and part of the afternoons in the assembly-room. Along three walls of this room and on numerous tables a large exhibit of pictures, statistics, charts and literature had been arranged by the Rev. M. Ilse, statistician, and his corps of able helpers. The many hundreds of pictures, especially, afforded an insight into the varied and blessed activities which charitable and benevolent societies and institutions of the Synodical Conference are carrying on.

The morning sessions began at nine o'clock and were opened with devotional exercises. Pastor Ph. Wambgans, the president, occupied the chair. On Tuesday morning an address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Lange of Cleveland. The Rev. B. Poch, of Fort Wayne, responded on behalf of the convention.

Some of the papers that were read and discussed at the general sessions were the following: "Inner Missions the Divinely Imposed Obligation of the Church," by Dr. H. B. Hemmeter, Rochester, N. Y. "The Devotional Life of the Inner Mission Worker," by the Rev. G. H. Kase, Cincinnati, O. "The Principles of Adequate Case Work," by Mr. E. G. Steger, St. Louis Provident Association. "The Missionary Problems of the Congested



Districts," by the Rev. L. W. Wickham, St. Louis. "The Training and Work of Volunteer Workers," by the Rev. E. Duemling, Milwaukee.

People interested in particular endeavors had an opportunity to meet in group on the first and second afternoon of the convention days. In the hospital group the following papers were discussed: "Lutheran Hospitals as a Factor in Inner Mission Work," by the Rev. E. E. Foelber, Fort Wayne. "How to Avoid Commercialism in Lutheran Hospitals," by Mr. W. N. Hoppe, Cleveland, O. Those interested particularly in City Missions, met in a different room and discussed the following papers: "Public Preaching and Private Ministration in Institutional Work—a Study in Comparative Values," by Rev. A. E. Frey, St. Paul. "City Mission Work in Penal Institutions," Rev. O. Turk, Detroit. Those particularly interested in the National League for Lutheran Nurses, discussed the following paper: "Dangers Confronting Our Lutheran Nurses, and How to Meet Them," by the Rev. M. Ilse, Sr., Cleveland. The Child Welfare workers and those connected with orphanages, met in a separate room and discussed their particular problems and ideas. Those entrusted with the work at homes for the aged also had their group meetings. All the proceedings of the convention, including all the papers, will be published and sold at a reasonable price, and proper announcement will be made in the church papers.

Wednesday evening a conference service was held in Zion Lutheran Church. Rev. M. Walker, Buffalo, preached a most helpful sermon to an interested audience. The services were beautified with renderings by the church choir.

The Rev. Eggers, Watertown, Wisconsin, reported that the Bethesda House for epileptics and feeble-minded has a population of 290 inmates, and that fully 30 are on the waiting list. The receipts for this institution amounted to the sum of \$70,576.00.

The report on the Wheat Ridge Sanatorium for the tubercular patients was very encouraging. \$30,000.00 had been expended for charity patients.

The convention recommended that a short course of Bible Studies for nurses be published.

The statistical report showed that the Associated Lutheran Charities has a membership of seventy-two organizations and institutions. It will be of interest to learn the following facts:

- 18 hospitals
- 8 orphanages
- 10 home-finding societies
- 9 homes for aged
- 13 city missions
- 3 European institutions
- 4 deaconess schools
- 4 mission auxiliaries
- 3 educational institutions.

The number of people employed is 913. Persons benefited were 308,715. Property value of all these institutions \$7,174,132.00, and expenditures, per annum, are \$2,983,346.00.

While last year at the St. Louis convention the Rev. F. W. Herzberger was elected Honorary President for life, this year the retiring president, the Rev. Ph. Wambsganss, was elected Honorary President for life. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rev. E. Duemling; First Vice-President, Rev. H. Wind; Second Vice-President, Rev. J. Witte; Secretary, Rev. G. H. Kase; Statistician, Rev. M. Ilse, Sr.; Treasurer, Mr. Aug. Freese; additional members of Executive Board, Th. Dammann, E. Beumer.

A. E. Frey.

### CHURCH DEDICATION AT TOWN MORRISON

For Zion's Congregation of Town Morrison, Brown Co., Wis., the day of the Reformation Festival, October 30th, this year was one of special praise and thanksgiving: by God's grace they were able to invest it with a new import, that of Church Dedication.

A short service, by way of leave-taking, was held in the old church, in which the pastor shortly addressed his flock, then the festival throng marched in a body to the new structure. The Building Committee with the Contractor led the procession; the teacher together his pupils and the choirs followed; then came the pastors, bearing the Bibles and the Book of Acts, the Church Council with the Crucifix and Communion Ware, the festival congregation together with their guests, closing the procession.

At the new building the service was continued with the hymn, "Open now Thy gates of beauty," the Marine Band of Manitowoc accompanying the congregational singing; the ritual as prescribed in our Book of Acts was read and the building opened. It very soon proved to be too small to house the multitude which sought admission and throughout the service numbers stood before the doors.

The pastor of the church, assisted by Prof. Wm. Henkel and the Pastors Reinh. Ave-Lallemant and Theo. Albrecht performed the act of dedication. Since the congregation had also acquired a new organ, the pastor now, after a short dedicatory address, with the Word of God and prayer dedicated it to serve its high purpose. The dedication sermon of the morning was preached by Prof. Wm. Henkel of the Theological Seminary in Wauwatosa. The afternoon services were attended by so many guests that it was found necessary to hold overflow services—the old church offering the necessary accommodations; the preachers of the afternoon thus must preach twice in order to reach all their hearers. This service was rendered by the Pastors Theo. Albrecht and Reinh. Ave-Lallemant—the former giving his address in German, the latter

in English. In the evening another service in the English language was held, the sermon being delivered by the Reverend B. Schlueter, President of the North Wisconsin District. The choirs of the congregation, led by Teacher Edgar Blauert, helped to beautify the occasion by the appropriate songs they rendered.

The church is built of red brick with beton trimmings, which on the front and tower are especially rich. A roomy vestibule with three entrances leads into the auditorium. One side of the front beside the main entrance is occupied by a ladies' rest room, the other is occupied by the stairway leading to the balcony. This latter is very roomy, since the organ has been housed in the tower and only the console, requiring but little space, is placed in the middle front near the railing.

Altar and pulpit are finished in white and gold, the center of the former is occupied by a statue representing Christ in the act of blessing. The rear wall behind the altar is broken by a large stained glass window, presenting Jesus in Gethsemane. The other windows are also made of art glass and in their center present a biblical scene as, for instance, Bethlehem, Nazareth, etc. Next to the sanctuary on one side is the sacristy, on the other a room for the church council. The building is heated by steam and power for light and the organ blower is furnished by a "Kohler plant."

Besides housing a kitchen and the usual space necessary for heating, etc., the basement contains a hall with a seating capacity of 250 persons. The dimensions of the new church are 97x51½; the seating capacity is 550. Including the price of the organ, \$5,000.00, the building costs \$70,000.00.

May God shelter this house, built to His honor, under His protecting care, that it may prove a place of blessing unto many.  
Br. Gladosch.

#### SUPERINTENDENT KOCK'S ANNIVERSARY

A celebration in recognition of rather unusual service was held at Belle Plaine, Minnesota, Sunday, September 18, 1927. For twenty-five years the Rev. C. F. Kock had given uninterrupted faithful and efficient service as superintendent and Mr. Joseph Kulisheck had served for twenty-six years as member of the Board of Directors and as local treasurer of the Home for the Aged at Belle Plaine.

Any person who has an insight into the difficulties and problems connected with an old people's home can understand in a measure that these many years of service have been years of difficulty. And, still, there must be real satisfaction in having been spiritual advisor and considerate helper to many aged Christians in their sunset days.

To give expression of appreciation and thanks to Pastor Kock and Mr. Kulisheck, the Board of the institution arranged for special services to which a number

of congregations had been invited. The Rev. H. E. Kelm of New Prague, Minnesota, preached on the text John 19: 26-27 in the forenoon services. The band from Pastor Kelm's congregation accompanied the singing of the audience. During the noon hour the band entertained the people with a good program in the pretty park of the "Home." In the afternoon the Rev. Paul C. Dowidat, of Minneapolis, preached in the English language, basing his words on 1 Thess: 5: 18. This was followed by an address by Pastor A. E. Frey, of St. Paul, who used Gal. 6: 10 as a text. As chairman of the Board of Directors, Pastor Frey presented Superintendent Kock with a purse and Mr. Kulisheck with a useful book.

Visibly moved by the messages and the interest and regard evidenced by the audience, the Rev. Kock responded with a few words. He gave all honor and glory to the Lord who had upheld him in his twenty-five years of labor among the old people.

May the Lord continue to bless the work of Pastor Kock and Mr. Kulisheck. May He bless the messages of His servant to his aged charges, bringing to them a knowledge of their sins, giving them the comfort of forgiveness, and the certain hope of eternal life in Christ.  
A. E. Frey.

#### CHURCH DEDICATION

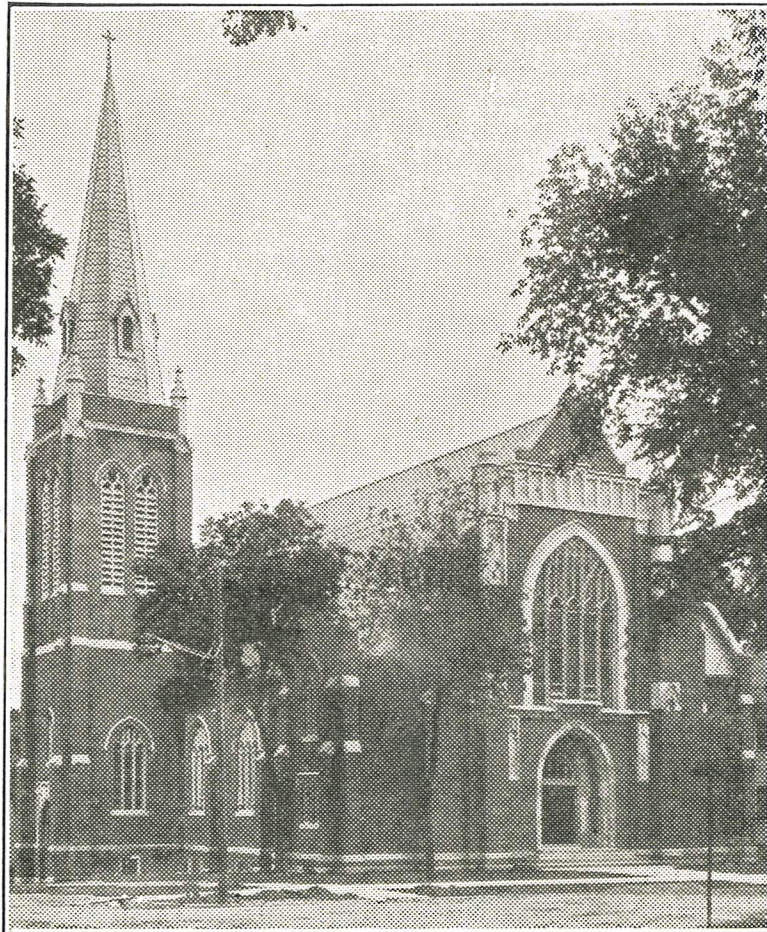
"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it," thus did sing and shout forth, the psalmist of old the joy of his heart; and that sums up and puts into definite form the innermost sentiments swelling the hearts of all members of Friedens Ev. Lutheran Church of Hutchinson, Minnesota, on October 23, 1927. For on that day said congregation was privileged to dedicate their new beautiful house of worship to the service of the Triune God. God in His loving kindness made the day an ideal summer day, thus enabling friends by the thousands from all parts of the state and some from neighboring states to come and rejoice with Friedens congregation.

The dedicatory service the local pastor conducted, being assisted by pastors F. Koehler, G. E. Fritzke, Arthur Koehler, and G. Fischer. The first sermon in the new church was preached by F. Koehler of Nicollet, Minnesota, Friedens first resident pastor; pastors G. E. Fritzke of St. Clair and Arthur Koehler of South Saint Paul were the speakers in the afternoon; the evening sermon was preached by President Immanuel F. Albrecht of Fairfax. Services were arranged in the old church for an overflow audience. Pastors G. E. Fritzke, Ernest Kolbe, and Henry Boettcher preached the various sermons there. The choirs from the Chaska and the local congregation, alternating between the new and the old church, rendered appropriate musical numbers in each service. The two church buildings, though crowded to their utmost capacity, were unable to house the great

throng. During the noon hour and after the afternoon services the women of the congregation fed the multitudes in the local armory.

The new church, 114x56, Gothic throughout, as below cut, kindly loaned us by the Minnesota Journal, shows, is built of solid brick trimmed with Bedford stone. The roof is covered with slate, the flashings, gutters, spire are of copper. The open ceiling with exposed beamed truss-work is a feature of beauty of the interior. Actual seatings of nave and balcony total 700. When occasion demands it the main vestibule can also be used for another 100 persons by dropping the large windows between the

cension," and the nave window, "Jesus Blessing Little Children," are donations of the Dorcas Club. The other windows of the nave are: "The Nativity," donated by Maria Knick; "The Twelve Year Old Christ In The Temple," donated by Mary Ritter; "Jesus, Mary, and Martha," a gift of the Rusch family; "Jesus Walking On The Waters," donated by the women not members of the Ladies Aid or the Dorcas Club; "Christ In Gethsemane," a donation of the Ladies Aid; "Jesus Before Pilate," a gift of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Schmidt; "Christ's Resurrection," a donation of the Braun family. Altar, pulpit, lecturn, and chancel paneling are donations of the Young



nave and the vestibule. The basement contains the steam heating plant, fuel room, kitchen, several special rooms, and a large auditorium. All furniture, interior finish, the floors of nave and balcony, the latter a gift of H. W. Albrecht, are of oak. The aisles, vestibules, and chancel floors are of cork.

The art glass windows, of German antique glass, are special gifts. The chancel window—"The Sermon on the Mount"—and the one in the south transept—"John, the Baptist, Baptizing Jesus,"—are gifts of the Sunday School. The north transept window, representing the other sacrament, "The Lord's Supper," is a gift of the Young Ladies Society. The largest window of the church, directly above the main entrance, "Christ's As-

Ladies Society. The electric light fixtures, designed to harmonize in detail with the building, are a gift of the Ladies' Aid, though a few women not members of the Aid also contributed thereto. Besides these special gifts the Dorcas Club contributed \$500.00, the Young Ladies Society \$1,000.00, and the Ladies' Aid \$2,000.00, to the general building fund. Pulpit and lecturn Bibles were donated by the Nieno sisters. The pastor's study was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Lemke; the Ladies' room by Mr. Walter H. Quast. The solid bronze crucifix and altar candle sticks are a donation of a mother in loving memory of her three sainted children.

On the evenings of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, following dedication Sunday, special services were

held. Monday evening was devoted to the children of the congregation. Director E. Bliefernicht of Dr. Martin Luther College of New Ulm preached the sermon on Christian education. The Sunday School rendered two musical selections in this service. The service on Tuesday evening was held in the interest of the young people of the congregation. Pastor William Albrecht of Sleepy Eye preached the sermon. The Wednesday evening service was set aside for the women of the congregation. Pastor J. Schert of near Lester Prairie preached the German and Pastor Martin Abraham of Young America preached the English sermon. The local choir sang special numbers in the last two services.

The congregation was founded about 1866 (no records being at hand as to the definite day) by the old pioneer pastor and missionary of this section, the sainted Pastor Henry Braun. He served the congregation until 1892. His successor was Pastor F. Koehler, now serving the congregation at Nicollet, Minn. He served the congregation 1893—1898. He was succeeded by Pastor G. E. Fritzke, now serving the congregation at St. Clair, Minn. His pastorate here extended to the late fall of 1920. Since January, 1921, the writer is pastor of the congregation. Friedens congregation has enjoyed steady growth, especially so during the past ten years and has now grown to be one of the largest in membership in the Minnesota district.

The new church building was begun in the summer of 1926. On October 3, 1926, the corner stone was laid, a large red granite block, polished on three sides, a gift of Mr. A. C. Borkenhagen.

Having been forced for years to worship in quarters so crowded and so totally inadequate, we can not but sing songs of praises and psalms of thanksgiving to our gracious Lord, who has so bounteously prospered the work of our hands upon us; and our plea is: O Lord, continue to be with us as Thou hast been with our fathers; and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish Thou it.

W. J. Schulze.

### FROM OUR CHURCH CIRCLES

#### Walther League Anniversary Service

On the 19th Sunday after Trinity, October 23, the Walther League, of Lake Benton and Verdi, Minn., celebrated their fifth anniversary. A memorial service was held, at 7:30 P. M., in the St. John's Lutheran Church, Lake Benton, Minn. The Rev. Martin Hauser, of Luverne, Minn., delivered the anniversary sermon on the basis of Josh. 24: 24. He pointed out the following facts pertaining to the Walther Leaguers: The Lord's service is 1) a duty; 2) a privilege; 3) an honor; and 4) a blessing. The Walther League quartett rendered the hymn "Onward, Walther Leaguers, Onward, in the Lord." The church

was filled to its capacity. Throughout the service, it was emphasized, in truth, that the Lord God had blessed and still blesses the League abundantly and signally with the proper gifts of His Spirit.

Paul W. Spaude, B. A., B. D., S. T. M.

#### Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Church Building

On the 21st Sunday after Trinity, November 6th, the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ward, South Dakota, celebrated their 25th anniversary of the church building. The congregation, in all gratitude to the Lord, devoted this day entirely to the Head of the Church, by an all day service. In the morning, at 10:30, the Rev. R. Polzin, of Alma City, Minn., delivered the German sermon, on the basis of Psalm 104: 1-4, and the undersigned preached in the English tongue, in the afternoon worship, 2:30, upon the text of Acts 2: 42. The ladies of the congregation served sumptuously both dinner and lunch to all the guests. The collection of the day was designated for the benefit of the widows and orphans of our Synod. Christians of the neighboring congregations joined in with the worship of the jubilee, too. The following is a short historical sketch of the Immanuel Lutheran Church, since its foundation.

This congregation was, in reality, organized by the Rev. Christian Boettcher, who served the people here first as a missionary of the old Minnesota Synod, during the years of 1878 to 1887. This entire vicinity, at that time, was a mission field yet. Very little was organized. Considering the conditions and circumstances at that time, the congregation could be served with the means of grace but sparingly. Nevertheless, the members of the church were glad and thankful to God that the Word of Life was preached to them occasionally. In the year of 1887, however, the Lord changed the conditions. At that time, the mission board of the old Minnesota Synod called the Rev. R. Polzin, then a candidate of theology, to this territory. During his activity here, Pastor Polzin served the following fields: Ward, So. Dak., Elkton, So. Dak., White, So. Dak., Verdi, Minn., Lake Benton, Minn., Fountain Prairie, Pipestone, Minn., and Tyler, Minn., until the year of 1892. Then Ward, So. Dak., Elkton, So. Dak., Verdi, Minn., and Lake Benton, Minn., resolved to call their own pastor. The Rev. Christian Albrecht then became the shepherd of the Immanuel Church.

In the year of 1889, during the ministerial activity of the Rev. R. Polzin, the Immanuel congregation built its first church, about one mile north of Ward. The parsonage was annexed to the church building. For thirteen years, the congregation worshiped in this modest, small edifice. Then, in the year of 1902, when the Rev. Mikulski was the pastor of the congregation, the present spacious church was erected to the glory

and honor of Jehovah and to the welfare of His followers.

Since the time when the Rev. R. Polzin was pastor here, the following ministers served in the Immanuel Lutheran Church: The Rev. Christian Albrecht (the founder), the Rev. Schoemperlen, the Rev. Jul. Dammann, the Rev. Mikulski, the Rev. F. Fischer, the Rev. J. Monich, the Rev. Alb. W. Eggert, the Rev. Jul. Engel, and the Rev. Wm. Lindloff, the present incumbent.

Since the dedication of the church, from 1902 to 1927, the following ministerial acts have been performed:

- 214 persons were baptized;
- 125 persons were confirmed;
- 39 couples were married;
- 42 people were buried.

The present status of the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Ward is as follows: 41 voting members, 126 communicant members, and 186 baptized members or souls.

May the Lord, the only Bishop of our souls, continue to bless His flock, in Ward, So. Dak., until the realization of their eternal goal.

Paul W. Spaude, B. A., B. D., S. T. M.

**Twenty-fifth Anniversary**

On Sunday, the 21st Sunday after Trinity, the Zion's Congregation of Readfield, Waupaca Co., Wis., celebrated their 25th anniversary of the dedication of their church. All neighboring congregations were invited to thank God together with them on this day for His grace which He shed on them abundantly. Rev. O. Theobald, during whose pastorate this church had been built, delivered the German sermon in the afternoon. Rev. John Dowidat preached in the English service in the evening. A collection was held for the New Recitation Building at New Ulm, Minn., which brought \$129.00.

May God in His good grace give that this church be also in future years a blessing to all that they through the saving Word of the Gospel learn to love Jesus more and more and also learn to follow Him into the heavenly Zion above.

F. C. Weyland.

**Jubilee**

On Sunday, November 13, Zion Ev. Luth. Congregation of Hartland, Wis., celebrated its 60th jubilee. In the morning services Pastor Paul Schroeder, Wausau, Wis., preached the sermon. Pastor G. H. A. Loeber, Milwaukee, Wis., spoke a few words. In the afternoon Pastor G. A. Ernst, St. Paul, Minn., preached the sermon in the English language.

Ph. Hy. Hartwig.

**Golden Wedding Anniversaries**

Mr. and Mrs. C. Koeller, Sr., members of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iron Ridge, Wis., since 1892, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, October 9th. The undersigned delivered an address, basing his remarks on Psalm 136:1. An offering of \$14.35 for Synod's treasury was taken up at this service.

John Henning.

On Friday, November 4, 1927, Mr. and Mrs. August Schmidt, for 33 years staunch members of Siloah Lutheran Church at Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in the church in the presence of their many children, relatives and friends.

P. J. Burkholz.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Saeger, members of Immanuel's Lutheran Church, Manitowoc, Wis., observed their fiftieth anniversary of their marriage surrounded by their children in the home on October 9th. The undersigned spoke a few words based on 1 Sam. 7:12. On the evening of October 25th Immanuel's Congregation gathered in their house of worship and joined its members, Mr. and Mrs. H. Bremer, in celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. The undersigned delivered an address on Job 10:12. May the Lord keep these aged couples in His grace.

T. F. Uetzmann.

**Announcement**

The Mission Board of the North Wisconsin District wishes to announce that the mission field Gladstone-Rapid River-Manistique, Mich., is served at the present time by the Rev. Theophil Hoffmann, 1205 Minnesota Ave., Gladstone, Mich.

Paul Th. Oehlert, Chairman.

**Laying of Cornerstone**

On the twentieth Sunday after Trinity, the 30th of October, the Jordan Ev. Luth. Congregation of West Allis, Wis., laid the cornerstone of their new edifice, which is to serve in the double capacity of a house of worship and a school. The sermon of the occasion was preached by President C. Buenger. J. Ruege.

**Notices**

Any congregation having altar, pulpit or pews to dispose of kindly communicate with

Rev. E. Blakewell,  
8310 Summit Ave., West Allis, Wis.

Any one knowing of Lutherans living in, or moving to Mason City, Iowa, and vicinity is kindly requested to notify Rev. C. A. Hinz, 146 12th St. N. W.

C. A. Hinz.

### Change of Addresses

Rev. E. Blakewell, 8310 Summit Ave., West Allis, Wis.

Ev. Luth. Seminary, Lloyd and 60th Sts., Milwaukee, Wis.

Prof. Aug. Pieper, 645 60th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Prof. Joh. Ph. Koehler, Ev. Luth. Seminary, Lloyd and 60th Sts., Milwaukee, Wis.

Prof. Theo. Schlueter, 1821 University Ave., Madison, Wis.

### Acknowledgment

The music department of Dr. M. L. College has received from the Young People's Society of the Ev. Luth. Zions Church of Sanborn, Minn., the amount of \$107.25 for two concerts which the college choir rendered in its midst, Sunday, Oct. 30. Our acknowledgment and heartiest thanks are herewith expressed.

E. D. Backer.

### Candidates for Professorship

The Board of Control of the proposed Dakota-Montana Academy requests nominations for the institution's first professor. All recommendations should reach the secretary of the Board before January 5, 1928.

H. J. Schaar, Secretary.

### MISSION FESTIVALS

#### Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Fox Lake, Wis., St. John's Church, E. Reim, pastor. Speakers: V. Brohm, L. Bernthal. Offering: \$142.52.

#### Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Oshkosh Township, Yel. Med. Co., Nicolai Church, Carl E. Kuske, pastor. Speakers: F. Helmstetter, Edw. Birkholz. Offering: \$135.12.

#### Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Wabeno, Wis., F. W. Raetz, pastor. Speakers: W. F. Bergholz (German), A. Oswald (English), H. L. Buesing (English). Offering: \$139.09.

Menasha, Wis., Trinity Church, J. G. Pohley, pastor. Speakers: Theoph. Hoffmann, F. Reier. Offering: \$155.00; Ladies' Aid, \$95.00; Sunday School, \$25.00.—Total: \$275.00.

Township Glendale, Monroe Co., Wis., St. Luke's Church, P. Lutzke, pastor. Speakers: J. Abelman, P. Lutzke. Offering: \$46.15.

#### Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Taunton, Minn., Bethlehem Church, Carl C. Kuske, pastor. Speakers: R. Young, H. Lau, Edw. Birkholz. Offering: \$62.12.

Iron Ridge, Wis., St. Matthew's Church, John Henning, pastor. Speakers: J. F. Henning, Wm. Ruether, Adolph von Rohr. Offering: \$315.50.

Milwaukee, Wis., Gethsemane Church, R. O. Buerger, pastor. Speakers: George Lillegard, William Pankow. Offering: \$178.75; Sunday School, \$35.00.—Total: \$213.75.

#### Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

St. John's Church near Hettinger, No. Dak., A. H. Baer, pastor. Speaker: W. A. Krenke. Offering: \$17.55.

Haynss Mission, No. Dak., A. H. Baer, pastor. Speaker: W. A. Krenke (English). Offering: \$4.50.

Minocqua-Woodruff Parish, Wis., Irwin J. Habeck, pastor. Speakers: R. Siegler, J. Krubsack, P. Bergmann. Offering: Minocqua, \$81.76; Woodruff, \$31.50.—Total: \$113.26.

Juneau, Wis., St. John's Church, M. J. Nommensen, pastor. Speakers: E. Behm, W. K. Pifer, F. Loeper. Offering: \$333.72.

#### Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Kaukauna, Wis., Trinity Church, Paul Th. Oehlert, pastor. Speaker: Prof. Alex. Sitz (English and German). Offering: \$271.30.

Mansfield, Wis., St. John's Church, Wm. Lueckel, pastor. Speaker: Ph. Rusert. Offering: \$47.05.

Green Bay, Wis., First Lutheran Church, R. Lederer, pastor. Speakers: R. E. Zieseemer, E. C. Hinnenthal. Offering: \$165.89; Sunday School, \$9.11; Ladies' Aid, \$75.00.—Total: \$260.00.

Milwaukee, Wis., Ephrata Church, Wm. F. Pankow, pastor. Speakers: E. Ebert, R. Siegler, Wal. Gieschen. Offering: \$113.31.

Bay City, Mich., Trinity Church, J. F. Zink, pastor. Speakers: G. Schmelzer, C. Waidelich, O. Eckert (English). Offering: \$268.00.

Milwaukee, Wis., St. Markus Church, E. Ph. Dornfeld, pastor. Speakers: P. Burkholz, Sr., Arth. Tacke, E. C. Schroeder. Offering: \$1,484.00.

Powers, Mich., Grace Church, A. A. Gentz, pastor. Speaker: A. A. Gentz. Offering: \$33.40.

Wilson, Mich., St. John's Church, A. A. Gentz, pastor. Speaker: A. A. Gentz. Offering: \$11.81.

Ford River, Mich., St. Paul's Church, A. A. Gentz, pastor. Speaker: A. A. Gentz. Offering: \$28.29.

Mansfield, Wash., St. John's Church, Wm. Lueckel, pastor. Speaker: Ph. Rusert. Offering: \$47.05.

#### Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Leavenworth, Wash., St. Paul's Church, Wm. Lueckel, pastor. Speakers: E. Kirst, P. Gross. Offering: \$60.45.

Hermansville, Mich., Trinity Church, A. A. Gentz, pastor. Speaker: A. A. Gentz. Offering: \$23.00.

Shiocton, Wis., First Lutheran Church, Louis E. Mielke, pastor. Speaker: Gerald Hoenecke, Max Hensel. Offering: \$150.58.

Detroit, Mich., Ascension Church, H. C. Richter, pastor. Speaker: Herm. Cares. Offering: \$80.00.

Peshtigo, Wis., Zion Church, Kurt R. F. Geyer, pastor. Speakers: C. C. Henning, Geo. Schroeder. Offering: \$150.00.

Milwaukee, Wis., Christ Church, P. J. Bergmann, pastor. Speakers: R. Pietz, J. Ruege. Offering: \$420.83.

#### Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Deer Creek, Wis., St. John's Church, Louis E. Mielke, pastor. Speakers: G. E. Boettcher, John Masch. Offering: \$26.61.

Livonia Center, Mich., St. Paul's Church, O. J. Peters, pastor. Speakers: E. Berg, H. Zapf. Offering: \$224.29.

Town Cottonwood, So. Dak., Jerusalem Church, P. G. Albrecht, pastor. Speakers: H. Albrecht, M. Schuetze. Offering: \$98.30.

Theodore, So. Dak., P. G. Albrecht, pastor. Speakers: M. Schuetze, H. Albrecht. Offering: \$106.93.

Broomfield, Mich., W. Schaller, pastor. Speaker: W. Schaller (German and English). Offering: \$66.22.

#### Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Toledo, Ohio, Zion's Church, Geo. N. Luetke, pastor. Speakers: Otto Eckert, Sr., H. C. Arndt. Offering: \$709.50.

OUR ANNUALS

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October, 1927

Pastors: A. ACKERMANN, Mankato, General Institutions \$150.00, Indian Mission \$150.00, Home Mission \$125.00, Negro Mission 75.00; total \$500.00. A. ACKERMANN, Mankato, Home for Aged, Belle Plaine, \$40.46, Indigent Students \$33.04; total \$73.50. HENRY ALBRECHT, Town Lynn, Home Mission \$22.00, Negro Mission \$55.00, of which \$7.00 from children; total \$77.00. IM. F. ALBRECHT, Fairfax, General Institutions \$100.00, Indian Mission \$45.00, Home Mission \$100.00, Negro Mission \$23.00, Indigent Students \$25.00, Church Extension \$35.00, Mission in Poland \$35.00; total \$363.00. T. H. ALBRECHT, Lake City, Indian Mission \$100.00, Home Mission \$120.05, Negro Mission \$100.00; total 320.05. WM. C. ALBRECHT, Sleepy Eye, General Institutions \$100.00, Indian Mission \$50.00, Home Mission \$125.00, Negro Mission \$50.00, Mission in Poland \$28.23, China Mission \$25.00; total \$378.23. R. C. AVE-LALLEMANT, No. St. Paul, Theological Seminary \$35.00, Northwestern College \$35.00, Dr. M. Luther College \$35.00, Michigan Seminary \$35.00, Home for Aged, Belle Plaine, \$10.00, Indian Mission \$35.00, Home Mission \$35.00, General Support \$14.00, Negro Mission \$35.00; total \$269.00. J. E. BADE, Balaton, General Fund \$39.80. J. CARL BAST, Morton, Dr. M. Luther College \$21.50, Student Support \$20.00; total \$41.50. J. R. BAUMANN, Red Wing, General Fund \$10.00, Northwestern College \$5.00, Dr. M. Luther College \$10.00, Home for Aged, Belle Plaine, \$5.00, Home Mission \$10.00; total \$40.00. J. R. BAUMANN, Red Wing, General Support \$10.00, Negro Mission \$10.00, Indigent Students \$10.00, Church Extension \$10.00; total \$40.00. J. R. BAUMANN, Red Wing, Theological Seminary \$10.00, Michigan Seminary \$10.00, Home for Aged, Belle Plaine, \$10.00, Indigent Students \$10.00; total \$40.00. HY. BOETTCHER, Gibbon, Negro Mission \$61.37. HY. BOETTCHER, Gibbon, General Support \$41.76. L. F. BRANDES, Jordan, Michigan Seminary \$60.00, Indigent Students \$20.00, Church Extension \$21.64; total \$101.64. A. JUL. DYSTERHEFT, Town Helen, For Fritz Wittenberg, Home for Aged, Fund from the Congregation in Town Helen, McLeod Co., Minn., \$122.52. A. JUL. DYSTERHEFT, Town Helen, Negro Mission \$60.00. A. EICKMANN, Nodine, Home Mission \$70.00. G. FISCHER, Town Acoma, General Fund \$16.25. G. FISCHER, Town Acoma, General Institutions \$42.00, Negro Mission \$19.00; total \$61.00. W. FRANZMANN, Town Baytown, General Fund \$7.14, Indian Mission \$12.32, General Support \$7.24, Indigent Students \$7.19, Church Extension \$6.75; total \$40.64. W. FRANZMANN, Town Grant, Theological Seminary \$30.00, Northwestern College \$30.00, Dr. M. Luther College \$30.00, Michigan Seminary \$20.00, Indian Mission \$30.00, Home Mission \$23.00, Negro Mission \$20.00; total \$183.00. A. E. FREY, Twin City Mission (Institutional) for Negro Chapels from N. N. an Invalid \$6.00. E. G. FRITZ, Town Wellington, General Fund \$10.00, Home Mission \$25.00, Negro Mission \$35.00, General Support \$25.00 total \$95.00. G. E. FRITZKE, St. Clair, General Institutions \$25.00, Home for Aged, Belle Plaine, \$5.00, Indian Mission \$10.00, Home Mission \$25.00, Negro Mission \$10.00, Indigent Students, New Ulm, \$5.00, Seminary and Debts \$35.00, General Support \$5.53, Bethesda, Watertown \$5.00; total \$125.53. P. GEDICKE, Brighton, General Fund \$4.13. P. GEDICKE, Essig, General Fund \$2.77. J. F. GUSE, Litchfield, General Institutions \$33.95. W. HAAR, Greenwood, Home Mission \$50.00, General Support \$16.00; total \$66.00. W. P. HAAR, North Mankato, Home Mission \$20.00. R. HEIDMANN, Arlington, Indian Mission \$50.00, Home Mission \$50.00, Negro Mission \$50.00, Church Extension \$30.00, Twin City Mission \$30.00; total \$210.00. G. HINNENTHAL, New Ulm, General Fund \$600.00, Negro Mission \$100.07; total \$700.07. R. Jeske, Caledonia, Synodic Administration \$20.00, Indian Mission \$8.80, Home Mission \$10.00, Student Support \$10.00, General Support \$10.00, Theological Seminary \$5.00, Northwestern College \$5.00, Dr. M. Luther College \$5.00, Mich. Luth. Seminary \$5.00, Indian Mission \$5.00, Negro Mission \$5.00, To Retire Bonds \$5.00; total \$93.80. R. JESKE, Union, Synodic Administration \$15.00, General Institutions \$5.00, Theological Seminary \$5.00,

Home Mission \$5.00, Student Support \$5.00, General Support \$5.00, Church Extension \$6.40; total \$46.40. H. E. KELM, Lanesburg Township, Indigent Students from Fritz Bohnsack \$25.00. T. E. KOCK, Osceola, Wis., Home Mission \$41.80. F. KOEHLER, Nicolett, General Fund \$50.36. F. KOEHLER, Nicollet, General Institutions \$58.13, Luth. Children's Friend Soc. \$15.43. C. W. A. KUEHNER, Winthrop, Indian Mission \$25.00, Home Mission \$50.00, Negro Mission \$37.52; total \$112.52. M. C. KUNDE, Centuria, Wis., Negro Mission \$50.00, Seminary and Debts \$3.00; total \$3.50. CARL C. KUSKE, Oshkosh Township, Indian Mission \$35.12, Home Mission \$50.00, Negro Mission \$50.00; total \$135.12. CARL C. KUSKE, Taunton, Indian Mission \$12.12, Home Mission \$25.00, Negro Mission \$25.00; total \$62.12. H. E. LIETZAU, Woodbury, General Institutions \$90.00, Indian Mission \$50.00, Home Mission \$100.00, Negro Mission \$30.00, Mission in Poland \$10.00; total \$280.00. F. T. LIPPKE, Treas., Omro Township, Home Mission \$20.31. EMIL C. MARTIN, Treas., Mason City, Iowa, Deaf Mute Mission, Rev. J. A. C. BEYER, St. Paul from Central Heights Sunday School \$5.00. O. P. MEDENWALD, Amery, Wis., Indian Mission \$19.33, Home Mission \$100.00, Negro Mission \$12.00, Twin City Mission \$10.00; total \$141.33. H. MEIBOHM, Rockford, Minn., Home Mission \$50.00. H. MEIBOHM, Pelican Lake, Negro Mission \$22.15. W. C. NICKELS, Redwood Falls, Dr. M. Luther College \$34.21, Negro Mission Rev. E. A. Westcott, Selma, Alabama \$4.07; total \$38.28. MRS. R. PITTELKOW, Treas. Lutheran Mission Auxiliary of St. Paul for Twin City Luth. Mission Society, Rev. A. E. Frey, from Trinity \$2.00, St. John's \$12.50, Emanuel's \$4.00; total \$18.50. J. PLOCHER, St. Paul, Twin City Mission \$60.15. J. PLOCHER, St. Paul, General Institutions \$200.00, Indian Mission \$100.00, Home Mission \$261.00, Negro Mission \$50.08; total \$611.08. EDWIN H. SAUER, Gnaden, Town Goodhue, Theological Seminary \$15.00, Northwestern College \$10.00; total \$25.00. EDWIN H. SAUER, St. John's, Town Goodhue, Theological Seminary \$10.00, Northwestern College \$14.17; total \$34.17. W.P. SAUER, Bear Valley, General Fund \$25.55. W. P. SAUER, Mazepa, General Fund \$17.50. CARL G. SCHMIDT, Wood Lake, Theological Seminary \$10.00, Northwestern College \$10.00, Dr. M. Luther College \$10.00, Mich. Luth. Seminary \$10.00; total \$40.00. G. R. SCHUTZE, Seaforth, Negro Mission \$10.00. G. R. SCHUETZE, Sheridan, Negro Mission \$30.00. M. SCHUETZE, Ellsworth, General Support \$17.00, Negro Mission \$23.00, Church Extension \$10.00; total \$50.00. W. J. SCHULZE, Hutchinson, General Institutions \$91.00. Paul W. SPAUDE, Lake Benton, Reich Gottes Kasse \$16.50. PAUL W. SPAUDE, Verdi, Reich Gottes Kasse \$14.30. W. F. SPRENGELER, Morris, Dr. M. Luther College \$10.00, Negro Mission \$20.00; total \$30.00. WALTER G. VOIGT, Monticello, Northwestern College \$13.70, Dr. M. Luther College \$10.00; total \$23.70. M. J. WEHAUSEN, Johnson, Home Mission \$4.00, General Support \$13.45, Negro Mission \$37.15; total \$54.60. F. W. WEINDORF, Oronoco, Theological Seminary \$10.00.

SUMMARY:

Reich Gottes Kasse .....	\$ 30.80
General Fund .....	802.90
Debts .....	5.00
General Institutions .....	905.08
Theological Seminary .....	130.00
Northwestern College .....	118.70
Dr. M. Luther College .....	179.88
Michigan Luth. Seminary .....	140.00
Home for Aged, Belle Plaine .....	70.46
For Fritz Wittenberg, Home for Aged, Fund .....	122.52
Indian Mission .....	737.69
Negro Mission .....	1,055.84
Negro Chapels .....	6.00
Negro Mission, Rev. E. A. Westcott, Selma, Ala. ....	4.07
Home Mission .....	1,517.16
General Support .....	164.98
Church Extension .....	119.79
Seminary and Debts .....	38.00
Deaf Mute Mission, Rev. J. A. C. Beyer, St. Paul ....	5.00
Bethesda, Watertown .....	5.00
Lutheran Children's Friend Society .....	15.43
Twin City Luth. Mission Society, Rev. A. E. Frey ....	118.65
Mission in Poland .....	73.23
China Mission .....	25.00
Indigent Students .....	165.23
Indigent Students, New Ulm .....	5.00
Total .....	\$6,561.41

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