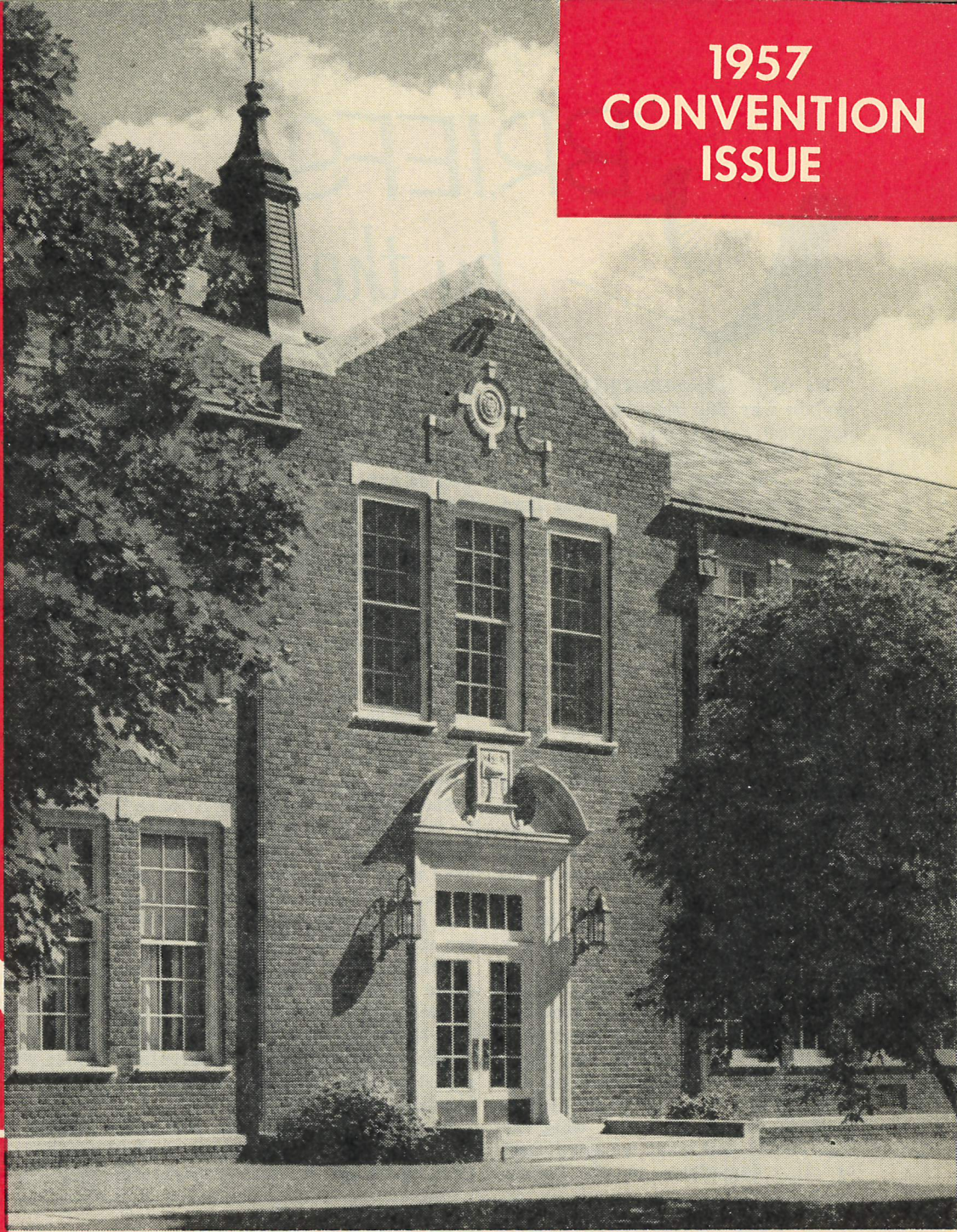


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# BRIEFS

## by the Editor

TO OUR NON-SUBSCRIBERS we explain why this issue of our church periodical comes into their homes.

YOUR CONVENTION has been held. You were represented there by a delegate. The work of the Lord was being done. It is the work you do with more than 200,000 other Christians in our Wisconsin Synod. Therefore you will welcome the pages which are labeled "Your Convention" on the margin. We hope you will read these articles thoughtfully and prayerfully.

**YOUR CHURCH PAPER IN THIS WAY ALSO EXTENDS AN INVITATION** to you to become one of its regular readers. For that reason we have included some of the regular features of our periodical. We wanted to give you an idea what you may look forward to.

On this page we ordinarily try to bring you brief news items and any necessary comment on them. In "Editorials" you have three able writers summoning you to thoughts that are profitable, though they may range from the interesting and stimulating through the admonitory, disturbing, and soul-searching. "Studies in God's Word" gives you what the title states, and what we need most of all. Sometimes people hanker

for, "Studies" which arrest their attention for a little spell or "present an interesting viewpoint" — and leave the reader's heart untouched. You do not share that desire. Therefore you will not be disappointed in this feature. Sometimes using a familiar text, and again one not treated very often, the author stirs and edifies the soul as only true preaching of Law and Gospel can.

"From a Wider Field" is a column from which you gain penetrating insights into current religious events and trends. You will find that the author renders you a valuable service in an age of religious superficiality, deception, and unionism.

Studies in the "Smalcald Articles," by Professor John Meyer, are appearing currently, though we may not have room for an installment in this issue. Many have told us how much they gain from these articles, and we are sure you will, too.

The Christian heart beats for the cause of missions, and you will find an unflinching interest in "News from Our Missions," ably done by Pastor Waldemar Hoyer, whose convention report on home missions replaces his regular contribution.

The Editorial Board is planning two additional departments. We have tested out the idea privately on

a number of people, and from the reaction we judge that these two features should meet a need that is felt.

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*THE JUNIOR NORTHWESTERN* is an excellent paper for children from 4 to 14. Mr. Morton Schroeder, Prof. Roland Hoenecke, and Prof. Cornelius Trapp are the able editors. Why not order free sample copies available to anyone interested? Also, see the last page of this issue.

The date for the publication of *Meditations* draws steadily nearer. Please read the back cover for more data regarding this new and important venture.

The results of the Convention elections will be published in the next issue.

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# Editorials

**Blessed Ballast** If the palsied man mentioned in today's Gospel (Matt. 9:1-8) had not been a sufferer, he would presumably not have met Christ and heard the blessed assurance from His lips, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." He learned to glory in his tribulation.

A missionary in Africa writes that when certain natives want to cross a swift and hazardous stream they put on their shoulder as heavy a stone as they can carry and thus make the crossing. The load keeps their feet on solid ground. The ballast keeps them from being swept away.

St. Paul's thorn in the flesh, Luther's frequent illness, missionary William Carey's insane wife, Adoniram Judson's manifold bereavements, Roger Price's epic struggle to bring the Gospel to Africans, George Matheson's blindness, your own tribulation, heavy or light—the Holy Spirit calls all tribulation light and but for a moment—all is blessed ballast, carefully adjusted to keep the feet of the saints on solid ground. "He knoweth the way that I take," says Job in his grief.

Horatius Bonar says, "I know of no greater blessing than health, except pain and sickness." This comforting paradox is to be understood in the light of one of his many hymns:

"Thy way, not mine, O Lord,  
However dark it be.  
Lead me by Thine own hand;  
Choose Thou the path for me."

H. C. NITZ.

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**Security** Jesus in leaving His disciples said to them: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." It amounts to saying, I leave with you a feeling of security.

"Security" is a much overworked word in our modern vocabulary. In fact, we may say that the one thing people are striving for is a feeling of security. The greatest crime in the upbringing of children, it is said, is to make them feel insecure. Their tantrums and their unsocial behavior are explained as stemming from a feeling of insecurity. So the one thing you must never do, they say, is to make a child feel insecure, for instance, by failing it in school. Security is also the great god in the adult world, especially economic security. To insure that, we have the social security program, old age pensions, unemployment compensation, and the insistence upon an adequate personal life insurance. Such things are expected to result in a universal feeling of security.

Jesus was not speaking of the kind of peace and security which the world gives, or, more often, fails to give. He is speaking of peace and security over against God. A man may have a large bank account and yet feel mighty insecure when he thinks of God and his own approaching death, when there rings in his ears the insistent call: "Prepare to meet thy God."

That is the greatest crisis man must ever face, and there the security which the world offers falls far short.

There only Jesus can give a feeling of security, that which flows from His redeeming blood. That is the feeling of security which filled Paul's heart when he wrote: "Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."

What sweet peace fills the heart knowing that! And "he that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" Yes, let not your heart be troubled.

I. P. FREY.

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**Apache Mission A Lost Cause?** "We are squandering men and money in Apacheland. The same effort spent on other fields over such a period of time would produce more fruit." Such remarks are often made regarding the work among the Arizona Apaches. But such critics do not take into account the peculiar make-up of the Apache mind, the poverty of the tribe, and the baleful effects of paternalism on the part of the federal government. Hence we give the floor to Missionary E. Edgar Guenther, who has labored among the White Mountain Apaches since 1911. The following two paragraphs conclude his autobiography, which has been running in *The Black and Red*, published by the students of Northwestern College:

We are often asked if our Apaches attend church quite regularly. Our attendance fluctuates with the four seasons, in each of which many of our Indians leave the Reservation for seasonal jobs, such as picking cotton in the winter and working in beet, carrot, or cucumber fields in the summer. When a Milwaukee pastor once asked the Rev. Harders (missionary to the Apaches, 1907-1917) how many Indians attended his church, he answered: "Proportionately as many as you have left after you subtract those who come from force of habit, those who are ashamed to stay away, and those who attend for business reasons." I believe that proportion remains pretty much the same today.

When I took leave of Prof. Koehler some 46 years ago he gave me this word of encouragement: "Es ist etwas grossartiges an einem verlorenen Posten zu stehen." (It is a heroic action to defend a lost cause.) There are some among us who seem to consider our Apache Mission a lost cause. But it is a just cause, and a just cause can never be permanently lost. Jesus gave His life for a cause that seemed to be lost—the Salvation of mankind. For us this cause is the Word of this Salvation. And to us, Jesus' apostles, the Scripture has this to say, "My word . . . shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please." (Isa. 55:11).

H. C. NITZ.

# Studies in God's Word:

## The Book of Malachi

The Lord Will Not Settle For What Men Are Willing  
To Give To Him  
Malachi 1:10,11

PEOPLE have forced their earthly kings to content themselves with less and less of actual authority and obedience. While kings of the past really ruled, commanding obedience to their will and word, many a present day king is satisfied merely to reign, leaving it to his people to be the ones who exercise the actual authority in his name and who determine just what is to be done. Let us be on guard, however, lest our sinful flesh deceive us into thinking that we could deal in much the same way with the Lord our God. Through Malachi we are reminded that the Lord of hosts is "a great King," who will not, and who does not need to, settle for whatever worship men are still willing to offer to him.

*Judah Foolishly Thought So* We heard in our last study how the worship of Judah after the Exile had ceased to be the spontaneous response of believing hearts paying thankful, reverent tribute to the Savior's love and majesty of God. Heeding not the Word of the Lord but the selfish promptings of their own faithless hearts, the Jews presumed to worship God with sacrifices which He had forbidden, bringing blind, lame, and sickly animals which were of little value to them. Still they thought that God should be pleased by the mere fact that sacrifices were brought to His altar. They deluded themselves into thinking that even such niggardly sacrifices could win God's favor and His blessings for themselves and others.

*God Would Have None Of It* God says through Malachi: "Oh, that there were one among you who would shut the doors that you might not kindle fire upon my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the Lord of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand." (Revised Standard Version.) Far from contenting himself with their hollow

worship rendered with doubting, self-righteous, selfish hearts, God preferred to have His Temple closed and such vain worship cease altogether. God's wishes are not an idle matter. Since the Jews did not heed His warning but persisted in their hollow worship, God finally did have the doors of His Temple effectively closed. He let the Roman legions come and destroy this Temple and put an end forever to the vain sacrifices brought there. No, God did not settle for their self-righteous, selfish, hypocritical worship, when the Jews were not willing to offer anything better.

*Neither Does God Need To* Earthly kings have shown themselves ready to make concessions when faced with an unwilling and rebellious people. It was a matter of helplessness. Only by making concessions could they hope to stay on their thrones and remain kings at all.

The Lord of hosts is not such a helpless king, dependent on any particular people. He is, and ever will be, "a great King" wholly for His own sake. Because of what He Himself is and does He will ever have a willing people paying homage to Him with thankful believing hearts. The self-righteous Jews of Malachi's day, who had ceased to look to God's marvelous grace in humble, childlike faith, had, of course, begun to think that God was somehow dependent upon them. They figured that without them He would have no people. They reasoned that He could not possibly dispense with them and fail to be pleased with whatever service they were willing to give to Him. Yet the Lord pointed out to them that they were all wrong in this, saying: "For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name

shall be great among the heathen, saith the Lord of hosts."

*God Will Win A Thankful People For Himself* When the Lord finally rejected faithless Judah and let it fall into judgment through Rome, He did not cease to be a King. Just because their Temple was destroyed God did not cease to have a people worshipping Him. Already through Malachi the Lord prophesies how Gentile nations would take the place of faithless Judah. In every place throughout the world there would be those who would offer the spiritual incense of believing prayer, and a pure offering of thankful praise in word and deed to His Savior's name. It is a picture of the New Testament Church of believers gathered by the Lord from all nations as a people pleasing in His sight. God's name, His Savior's name, the revelation of His saving grace in Christ Jesus, would be great in the sight of this people. With the message of His grace, extending pardon, peace, comfort, and eternal life for Jesus' sake, God has won many hearts. In joyful faith they stand in awe before His Word, are constrained from within to obey His holy will; with the praise of their lips and the willing gifts of their hands they magnify His Savior's glory before their fellow men.

This people is found wherever God's Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered. Yet God is still not dependent upon any specific individuals, congregations, or church bodies in order to be or remain the "great King." Those who gradually cease to look to His grace in faith still cease to be His people. The Lord rejects their hollow, outward worship marked by selfishness and disobedience. Through His Gospel He will find a thankful, willing people elsewhere. The Lord will not, and does not need to, settle for what men are willing to give to Him.

C.J.L.

## Inspiration From the Word

### The Opening Service

THE Convention first heard the Word proclaimed in the opening service. The Synod's Second Vice-President, the Rev. Karl F. Krauss, was the preacher, while the Rev. Walter Schmidt, pastor of St. Paul's, New Ulm, was the liturgist. The delegates also sought strengthening at the Lord's Table.

### The President's Report

In his report to the Synod, President Oscar Naumann set our whole work with all its requirements, needs, and problems in the light of the words in Luke 19:13: "And he called ten servants and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them,



President Naumann Opens the Convention  
Secretary T. Sauer at the right

Occupy till I come." This, he pointed out, means that the Lord in grace has given us all the pounds or talents we need for His work and that He looks to us to use them faithfully "for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" (Eph. 4:12). He asked for self-examination, "to take stock to improve our service and our methods, to be stirred up in our zeal to be more faithful." He pointed out that this faithfulness involves bearing "the reproach of Christ." He summoned us to joy over gains made in the past, to concern and action in regard to pressing needs and beckoning opportunities.

President Naumann specifically asked for self-examination for each one as he considers the deficit at the close of the fiscal year.

He suggested a thorough study of the Lutheran Pioneers, a youth movement which has been employed by some of our congregations. The purpose of these clubs is to teach youth to appreciate, enjoy, and use God's marvelous creation and to lead boys and girls in wholesome pastime and to teach them useful crafts. The Convention resolved to institute such a study. The delegates also followed his suggestion to appoint a committee for the study of the Tiefel case.

Our President also outlined how the Convention would go about the discussion and the decision regarding the Synod's most burdensome issue, our relationship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### The Devotional Services

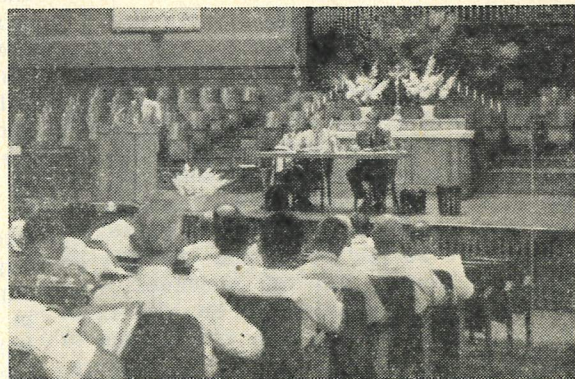
Each morning and afternoon session was begun with a devotional service. Here the speakers were the nine District presidents. Each one treated a portion of the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father," "Hallowed Be Thy Name," etc. We wish that space would allow for excerpts from these instructive, edifying messages.

### The Essays

Dr. Elmer Kiessling, of Northwestern College, presented his essay on Thursday. Entitled "The Tie That Binds," the paper showed that two leading characteristics have developed in the course of our synodical history. These are a rugged individualism and a solidarity or cohesiveness, a sense of togetherness. In showing the admirable and less admirable qualities of these two tendencies in our Synod, Professor Kiessling provided much food for thought. He also declared that today we need both individuality and cohesiveness, but only in their admirable qualities. He closed on the note: We must remain united to take a positive stand on important questions.

"Motivation" was the title of the essay read by Pastor Armin Schuetze, of Milwaukee, Wis. In other words, he led us to ask the question that is always wholesome and necessary: What is leading me to do this or that?

First he gave the Scriptural answer to the question: What should motivate a Christian? "The love of Christ (i.e. His dying, redeeming love for us) constraineth us." That is the heart of the matter. But we can give you only his summary here: A Christian is motivated by the great love of God shown to him in Christ. This results in love for God, including love for His Word and a desire to



Pastor Armin Schuetze Delivers His Essay

glorify God. This love also manifests itself in love for man, whom God redeemed through His Son.

In making the application to our practical church life, the essayist pointed to such wrong motives as an unwholesome desire for growth (the aim merely to gain more church members instead of the urge to win souls for Christ), love of display, rivalry, indifference, false loyalty, and fear of consequences. He showed how these appear in mission work, giving, Christian day school educa-



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tion, church discipline, and intersynodical relations, and how these motives often stifle the Christian motivation of love to God and obedience to His Word.

Then he reminded us, most forcefully, that true Christian motivation can be attained and increased, not by us, but "only as our souls are stirred more deeply by the Holy Ghost through the means of grace." Only an ever-increasing use of the Word can counteract the feeling of satiation, the cooling of love and appreciation which seem to have come upon us. We tend to regard baptism as "a one-time thing," and fail to apply to ourselves its wholesome significance, to benefit by

its power to instill in us a continued love to God (Gal. 2:26, 27), and also to return to baptism daily for help in overcoming the Old Adam (Rom. 6:4). Finally, the essayist recalled to us that frequent partaking of the Lord's Supper increases in us that love of God that will be a powerful influence in all we do.

#### The Closing Service

In the closing service on Tuesday evening, Pastor Walter Wegner, of Columbus, Wis., preached the Word, with Pastor Rollin Reim, of New Ulm, acting as the liturgist.  
WERNER FRANZMANN.

## Foreign Missions at the Convention



Superintendent Wm. Schweppe  
of the Nigerian Mission

#### Into All the World!

**W**HAT a tremendous task it was that faced the Apostles when Jesus told them that they were to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. Even though the world of their day seems small to us, we can appreciate the problem that faced them; we can read their thoughts. "The distances are so very great. There are so many people to be seen. The dangers are great. There are so few of us and we have so little with which to work." But you remember what happened. The Lord had promised to be with them even unto the end of the world. They had learned to take that promise at face value and so they set to work. They went from Jerusalem to Judaea, to Samaria, to the uttermost parts of the earth.

#### The Unsaved World Is Still There!

When our Convention met, the reports came quickly that the uttermost parts of the world had not yet been filled with the Gospel. We were told about a letter that had come to the president of our Synod from a man in Ghana, the old Gold Coast colony, asking that we send help to that area so that they might hear the Word. Men had been to Japan and returned with the report to the Convention that there is no end to the

work that needs to be done there. Tremendous cities are jammed with people who have no idea of the grace and mercy of God as we have learned to cherish it. A letter was read showing that our responsibilities in Germany are not nearly finished. Superintendent William Schweppe was there and told us of vast areas in Nigeria that still were waiting to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, pure and unspoiled by the commandments of men. It soon became clear that in Rhodesia we had little more than a foothold. It is a secure foothold, to be sure, but the work has scarcely begun.

#### A Step at a Time!

Like the Apostles of old, we were faced with a problem. Our gifts in the past two years have been meager when they should have been bountiful. There was not nearly enough to do the work that the Lord showed us should be done. We have been slow in finding and encouraging the young men of our Church to enter the ministry. And so there have not been the men to send into the fields that are there. With too little money and too few men it seems that the order "into all the world" might be unreasonable. But like the Apostles of old, we heard that our Synod will continue. We will not take giant strides. We will very likely not make headlines. But like the Apostles we will proceed, one step at a time, from Jerusalem, to Judaea, to Samaria and so into the uttermost parts of the world. From Nigeria we will reach into the Ogoja Province, making good use of the leadership of Superintendent Schweppe and his twenty years of experience. Missionary Seeger should soon have help in the work in Japan. The men in Rhodesia have built their foundation and are ready to reach out with the Word and bring men into the kingdom of Christ.

We ask you to remember that the program of work that the Lord has placed before us and our Synod will call for your gifts and prayers. Some of them will surely be large gifts and there will be many that will be small. Let them come from far and wide in a steady stream. Accompanied with your prayers to the Lord of the harvest they will accomplish wonders.

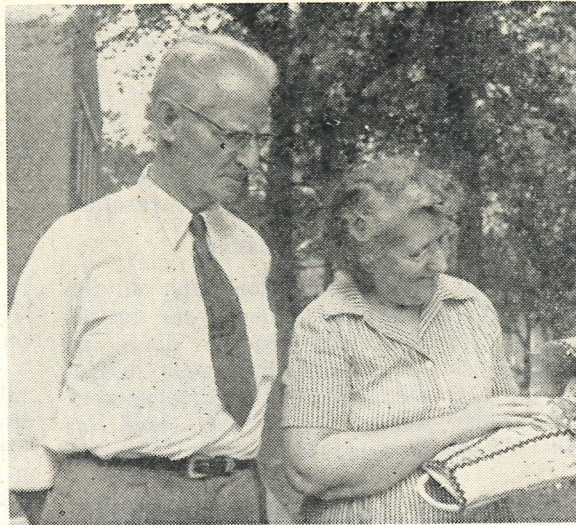
#### They Are Ready to Help!

You will want to know that you are receiving help in this problem of men and money from an unusual source. The Board for Foreign and Heathen Missions

reports that it is a matter of policy that the foreign fields become self-supporting both as to men and money as soon as possible. The Board of Trustees had asked that each department of our Synod cut its budget by 15%. The Board of Foreign and Heathen Missions has asked the young Christians of these mission fields to raise this 15% so that the work will not have to be hampered in any way.

If this seems to be a fond hope that we cannot expect to realize in our day, we ask that you consider the reports that have been coming from the field. The Lutheran Church of Nigeria is reaching that goal quickly. We were told that the Church of Nigeria was providing a pastor of their own people, trained in their own Seminary, and financed with their own funds for the work in the new field of Ogoja. To quote Superintendent Schweppe: "Our young daughter Church in Nigeria looks upon this new mission field as her first child and cares for it herself. But like all young mothers she looks to grandma for help." The help this young mother needs we are surely ready to give. When the request came from Ghana, it was only natural that it be referred to the Church of Nigeria so that men close at hand might go to study the field.

In Rhodesia we hear of support that will mean much to us. We were told of a young man who had been instructed in the Gospel by our missionary at Matero. He was sent into another area of Rhodesia to do government work. He began telling those among whom he lived of the hope that he had found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and is now calling for help for materials and advice from our missionaries in the field.



**Veteran Apache Missionary  
E. Edgar Guenther and Mrs. Guenther**

So it is that we quietly obey the order of our Lord to go into all the world. We are finding support and help among those who have been brought into the kingdom of Christ through our preaching of the Gospel. As the reports came to the Convention, we were moved to pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest that He grant us the courage and strength and love to do everything required to go even unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

ROBERT REIM.

## *At the Front Door of Your Home Missions*

**I**N this International Geophysical Year, to be climaxed by the launching of the earth satellite, we might have expected new things even of a church convention. A resolution, perhaps, to ban the use of nuclear weapons to prevent "the possibility of universal annihilation." But our Synod's Convention, under the oaks and the elms of the beautiful hilltop campus of Dr. Martin Luther College, was unique even among church conventions today. Every delegate will agree that our sessions were concerned first, last, and foremost with God's Word—concerned about the realistic problem, in this unionistic age, to preserve God's Word among us in its truth and purity, and to make disciples of all nations.

This report takes you to the front door of our Home Mission program. This Home Mission endeavor is carried on by your Synod through the General Board for Home Missions. Pastor Karl Gurgel, chairman of this board, introduced his report to the convention with these words:

"Dear Fellow Children of God, Fellow Salesmen of the peace that surpasseth all understanding: Again and again we must marvel that the powerful

Creator and Preserver of all things, that the gracious world-redeeming Savior, that the quickening Spirit does not go forth to build His kingdom all by Himself. When we come into His kingdom of glory, He will fully explain to us why He so graciously permits *us Christians* to be His coloborers or His salesmen of the peace that counts.

"When you and I, the royal priests of God, spread the peace of God, and when we bend every effort to dedicate our children to the work of the Lord, we shall notice that our gifts will also increase. Indeed, thankful children of peace will consider it another wonderful privilege that God ever uses our silver and our gold to spread the only product that counts—the soul-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ."

### **Statistics for Home Missions — 1956**

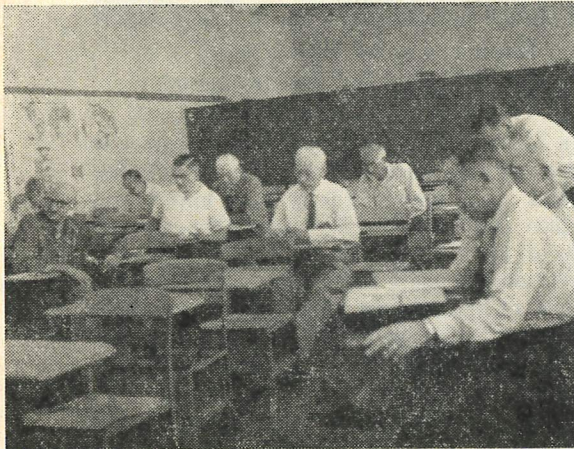
In 17 states your Synod has 200 organized mission congregations. Some of these congregations are very close to self-support; others more recently founded will gradually decrease their Synod subsidy as the members grow in faith and in numbers. In all these congregations served by 163 mission-



aries, we find 29,107 souls and 16,705 communicants. In 1956, we baptized 1,400 children and 187 adults in these mission stations. (The Synod total in 1956 was 10,759 children and 827 adults baptized.) There were 607 children and 500 adults confirmed. (The Synod total was 6,333 children and 2,610 adults confirmed.) We are today subsidizing 36 Christian day schools in our Home Missions in which 1,915 pupils are enrolled.

#### New Budget for Home Missions

On the final day of our convention, after all the reports were in, the new budget requests for 1957-58 were presented. In the total budget figure of \$2,648,825.60, adopted as the minimum amount needed each year of the next biennium for the kingdom-work at large, the Home Mission Board had asked for \$783,942.13 to carry on its program in all the Districts.



**The General Board for Home Missions  
Ponders a Problem**

Your delegates voted this budget for you. The final vote, however, is always cast by you, the 228,129 communicants of the Synod. Your mission contributions, motivated by God's love to save you in Christ, is really the only vote that counts in making the budget voted by your delegate.

#### The Church Extension Fund Plight

The dire need of Church Extension funds was emphasized when every District pleaded for chapels. Here are some of the pleas. DAKOTA-MONTANA — "We need several more chapels." MICHIGAN — "Suburban developments present urgent opportunities for the opening of new missions, but we are not able to enter

because we are short of men and money. One after another these promising fields are lost to our Synod." MINNESOTA — "Hayden Heights needs a chapel; Mapleview must relocate, Ellsworth needs a modest chapel; two missions are requesting schools." NEBRASKA — "Washington, Iowa, needs a chapel; Good Shepherd, Omaha, has not even been placed on the priority list for its twice requested chapel-school." PACIFIC NORTHWEST — "May God speed the day when at least the minimum plant requirements will be met in all our many Districts." SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN — "St. Philip's of Milwaukee needs a church home, and Palos Heights, Ill., needs a school. A District of our size ought to have more than ten mission stations." WESTERN WISCONSIN — "Beloit desires a chapel-school combination." COLORADO — "Broomfield, a mushrooming suburb north and west of Denver, is now having services in a Grange hall. We hope to erect a parsonage-chapel here." NORTHERN WISCONSIN — "We should open three new missions immediately. We are plagued with vacancies."

Before we can answer these appeals, \$300,000 must be raised for the Church Extension Fund to complete the projects already waiting on the priority list. The Fund now totals \$2,332,210.69 invested in chapels and schools. We were told, to our joy, how this fund was increased by \$756,798.80 in the last two years. The two annual C.E.F. appeals, special bequests, and other returns from the Synod treasury brought about this wonderful increase.

THE THIRD ANNUAL Church Extension Fund collection received the endorsement of every delegate, for each one felt the need in his own District. They, therefore, wholeheartedly agreed to point VI of the report: "Finally, brethren, let us all go home and use the special C.E.F. promotional material and bring a bountiful offering to our Lord and Savior."

#### The Front Door

These were the highlights of the Synod Convention as they were seen at the front door of your Home Missions program. Here, too, our one concern must be to preserve the saving Gospel and to preach it to every creature. "Heaven and earth shall pass away," we cannot prevent that. But Jesus also said: "My word shall not pass away." Here, then, is sinful man's only hope and the one overwhelming work of your Synod assembled in Convention in this Geophysical Year and the few years that may yet be left of time, to preach Christ. "For whosoever believeth in him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

W. R. HOYER.

## *Educational Institutions*

GOVERNMENT recruitment posters often have a picture of Uncle Sam pointing and exclaiming: "Uncle Sam NEEDS you!" With a slightly different twist and for a much better purpose, such posters could well describe a thought frequently expressed during the Convention. The Lord wants your sons and daughters.

His Church is in desperate need of young people who are willing to devote God-given talents to full-time service in His earthly kingdom. Almost without exception the various reports touched in one way or another on this specific need. That was especially true of the Home Mission report, the Foreign Mission report, the report



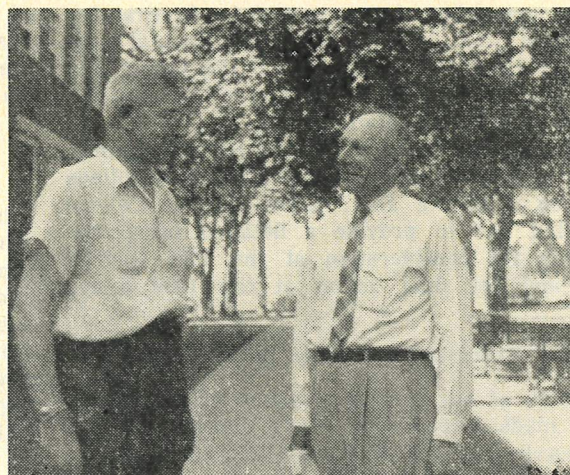
of the Board of Education, the references to area high schools, the reports of the educational institutions, and certain committee findings.

#### Some Heartening Items

There were heartening reports that **more young people are showing an interest in preparing for work in the Church.** That is reflected, too, in increasing enrollments at all of the Synod schools and in the requests for additional faculty members. As a result, the Synod established six new professorships. One of these professors is to be called immediately to Dr. Martin Luther College. The others are to be called to the various institutions as the membership of the Synod makes the necessary funds available through their regular gifts for the over-all work of the church. **The institutions cannot be expected to train workers for the Church in increasing numbers without adequate facilities and without adequate teaching staffs.** One delegate suggested that we are not getting the job done in the various departments of the Synod because "there are too many chiefs and not enough Indians." The speaker implied thereby that there are plenty of "Indians" but too many are inactive and, as a result, do not have the vital, active, supporting interest in the work of the Church that they should have.

#### Plans to Meet a Big Need

Dr. Martin Luther College, the institution which provides teachers for our Christian day schools, finds itself in a very peculiar situation. It is expected to furnish the Synod with 125 teachers a year and has the facilities to produce half that number. Some of the difficulty lies in the fact that our congregations failed to supply the necessary funds during the "Gift for Jesus" collection. Part of this offering was to enable Dr. Martin Luther College to increase its facilities in the areas where the needs were most pressing. Since the necessary money was not forthcoming, these critical needs still exist. In fact, in the meantime they have become more critical than ever. Such a situation would not exist if all our congregations would assume their regular, normal obligations. However, the Synod did appropriate some \$15,000 from regular budgetary collections so that the dining hall-kitchen at Dr. Martin Luther College can be rearranged and properly equipped to pro-



College Presidents, C. Scheppe (left) and E. E. Kowalke

vide for the heavy enrollment. At the same time the Synod instructed the Board of Regents and the Educational Survey Committee to prepare *an expansion plan in prospectus form for consideration by the 1958 District conventions and for action at the 1959 Convention of Joint Synod.* This prospectus will also include an exhaustive study of the possibility of another teachers' college in the Milwaukee area.

In this particular Convention the Synod could do nothing definite about the necessity for additional accommodations for boys at Northwestern Lutheran Academy. It did, however, resolve to meet the problem in the first new major building program undertaken.

#### Nebraska Academy a Step Nearer

While the Nebraska Lutheran Academy is still in its embryonic stages, nevertheless the Synod for practical reasons elected a Board of Regents for it. For the time being, at least, the new board will serve largely as a planning committee. The Synod's president was given the authority to permit the calling of a director for this projected school when the situation calls for it.

*Without a steady and ever-increasing stream of graduates from our schools, the work of the Church will bog down. This phase of the Synod's business deserves your attention, your prayers, and your support.*

CONRAD FREY.

## Convention Action in the Area of Christian Education

CONVENTION delegates learned that in the past eleven years our synodical system of Christian day schools enjoyed unprecedented growth. The number of schools has increased from 168 to 202. Pupil enrollment has risen from 10,937 to 21,393. The number of teachers, too, has grown from 337 to 647. But, regrettably, the increased number of teachers has not been

sufficient to furnish an adequate supply of trained instructors for all our classrooms.

#### Our Plans to Supply Additional Teachers

The Convention discussed two proposals aimed at alleviating our teacher shortage. One proposal suggested the establishment of a new teacher-training college in the Milwaukee area; the other

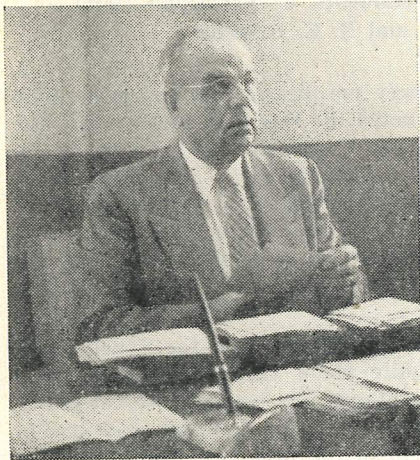


suggested the expansion of our present teacher-training facilities at New Ulm. In order to obtain a factual basis for a choice between these two plans, the Convention resolved to ask the "Educational Survey Committee" to study each proposal in detail.

The resolution adopted directs the Survey Committee "to make exhaustive studies of the Milwaukee college plans and an alternate Dr. Martin Luther College expansion plan and to provide a detailed prospectus for each plan for consideration at the 1958 District Convention and for final action at the 1959 Synod Convention."

#### Assistant Executive Secretary to be Called

The growth of our synodical system of elementary schools has made increasingly heavy demands on the time and service of the Executive Secretary of the



**Mr. Emil Trettin,  
Executive Secretary, the Board of  
Education**

Board of Education—Wisconsin Synod. The Board of Education therefore requested the Synod to authorize the calling of an Assistant Executive Secretary to work together with our present Executive Secretary, Mr. Emil Trettin. Convention action favored this request and a resolution was adopted authorizing the Board of Education to call an Assistant Executive Secretary.

At present the personnel of the Board of Education consists of three pastors, three teachers, and three professors, as well as the Executive Secretary. The Convention voted to increase the size of the Board of Education by authorizing the addition of two laymen to the Board. While these laymen have not yet been elected, the Convention delegates did re-elect Professor Carl Lawrenz as our Seminary representative on the Board. Mr. Adolph Fehlauer of Appleton, Wis., was elected to a six-year term as teacher-representative

of the Northern Wisconsin District on the Board, while Pastor Waldemar Pless of Milwaukee was chosen as the pastor-representative from the Southeastern Wisconsin District.

#### Two Departments Created

In a move to expand the scope of the Board of Education's work beyond the area of Christian day schools, the Synod authorized the Board henceforth to supervise both a Department of Christian Day Schools and High Schools and a Department of Part-time and Adult Education. The Department of Christian Day Schools and High Schools is to offer encouragement, advice, and assistance to local congregations in establishing and maintaining elementary and high schools. This department will supervise our synodical program of school visitation and will also recommend, prepare, and publish needed new materials for our schools.

The Department of Part-time and Adult Education will assist our congregations in establishing and maintaining Sunday schools, Vacation Bible schools, and Saturday schools, as well as Bible classes, youth organizations, and other adult groups. It will study and recommend suitable materials available for these agencies and also prepare and publish new materials. The Convention resolved that, at the discretion of the Synod, an executive secretary and an assistant executive secretary may be called for this department in the future.

#### Accreditation of Dr. Martin Luther College

At the recessed session of the Synod in Watertown last summer the Board of Education was authorized to study the question of the possible accreditation of Dr. Martin Luther College and make a report and recommendation to the 1957 Convention. In answer to a request for a clarification of the 1956 resolution, our recent Convention stated that the resolution includes authorization to request an evaluation of Dr. Martin Luther College by an accrediting agency. An approach will very likely be made in the near future to the University of Minnesota for such an evaluation. It is understood that this is not a commitment on the question of accreditation, but merely a step to enable the Synod to arrive at a final decision in the matter.

The entire question of the accreditation of Dr. Martin Luther College has been brought into sharp focus by the fact that our New Ulm graduates are faced with difficulties in obtaining permanent teaching certificates in certain states inasmuch as our College is not an accredited school. While it appears that the accreditation of Dr. Martin Luther College would remove these difficulties, a thorough study of the matter of accreditation is in progress to determine whether or not this step would involve any violation of Scriptural principles.

WALTER WEGNER.

### *Synodical Stewardship*

**L**ET us remember that our budgetary receipts are the gas tank of our Synodical car; as that fails us, we must slow down." This was the warning issued by the Board of Trustees to our Convention. The reason for

the warning lay in the report showing a deficit at the end of the fiscal year for the first time since 1942. We were \$50,000.00 short. Besides, we did not spend about \$300,000.00 voted at our last Convention.

The delegates, however, knew that this was not a hopeless situation in view of the bountiful blessings which the Lord has granted the members of our Synod. It was felt that it need only be brought to the personal attention of each blood-bought soul in our congregations and the problem could be solved. The motive of love from and for Jesus has been grafted in our hearts through the preaching of the Gospel.

#### District Stewardship Boards Voted

But to assure a better dissemination of information regarding the opportunities the Lord gives us in our Synod, the Convention voted to establish District Stewardship Boards. At least one pastor and one layman from each Conference is to be appointed to the District Board. This Board will conduct circuit meetings on the basis of material produced by the Synod's Board for Information and Stewardship. Congregations will be urged to invite the pastoral and lay representatives of the District Board to speak to them. Material will be made available for use in every-home visits in and by our congregations. "It is essential that the responsibility for the Lord's work be fixed upon the congregation and its membership," reported the Committee dealing in this matter. The possibility of having congregations make their own pledge to the work of the Synod rather than being assigned a "quota" will be studied until the next Convention in 1959.

#### Information Material — Audio-Visual Aids

The Board for Information and Stewardship was encouraged to continue its production of printed informational material and of filmstrips and movies on our Synod's work. An Audio-visual Aids Committee was added to the Board to assist in distribution and review of audio-visual aids.

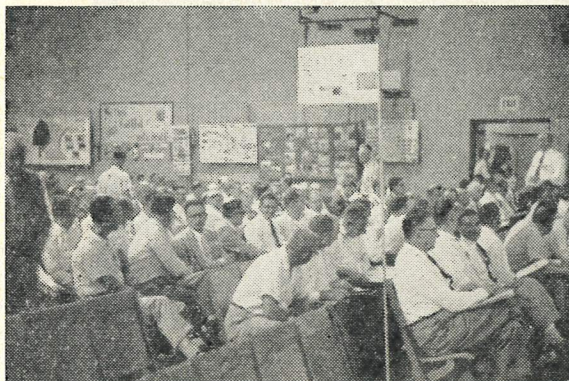
#### The New Budget and What It Means

Having provided ways and means of assisting our congregations in getting information of the Synod's program to every individual member, the Convention seemed to feel more confident in voting its budget than it has in the past. With very little discussion a record budget figure of \$2,685,944.78 was voted. Of this amount \$894,524.89 is for educational institutions and \$1,298,512.42 for Home and Foreign Missions. What this means for our members is summed up in the report of the Board of

Trustees: "We have the gracious privilege of carrying out a program in this biennium that calls for approximately \$1.00 per month or about 25 cents per week per communicant."

#### How Big Needs Are To Be Met

Since we decided either to erect another teacher training school in Milwaukee or expand at New Ulm, to build a boys' dormitory addition at Mobridge, to begin the Nebraska Lutheran Academy, and to make an addition to the Madison Student Mission, the Board of Trustees together with the Conference of Presidents was authorized to inaugurate a program for raising funds to carry out



Displays of our Work in the Convention Hall

the building projects voted by the Convention or definitely contemplated in its resolutions.

The "Gift For Jesus" Building Fund Committee was encouraged to continue its effort to wipe out the small \$12,000.00 deficit on the Northwestern College buildings. This will probably be done by means of a door collection in all of our churches.

In all of the discussions relative to finances the motive of the love of Jesus to us was stressed. We trust that every member of our Synod will think of his synodical obligations in this light, too. As the Floor Committee on the Board of Trustees Report put it, "Instead of thinking in terms of a budgetary figure we would urge and encourage thinking in terms of Christian stewardship in general. We ought not be satisfied since the meeting of a budget does not necessarily mean the meeting of our obligation to God." May your heart respond to the love of Jesus!

NORMAN BERG.

### *Union Matters*

ON the surface the delegates to the 1957 Convention of the Wisconsin Synod approached the sessions in the usual way. As car after car entered the grounds of Doctor Martin Luther College at New Ulm, the delegates stepped out, unlimbered their joints after long hours of confinement, compared travel notes with those who had already arrived, greeted old friends and

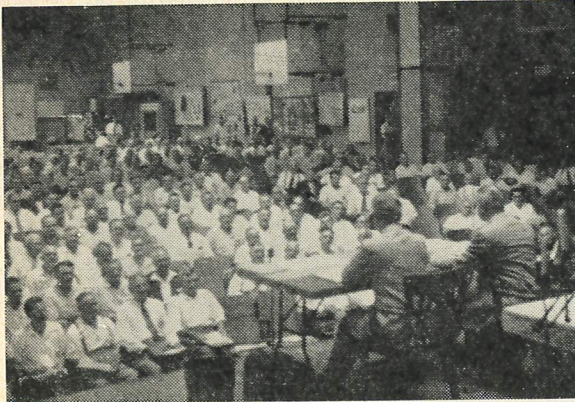
acquaintances, wrote their safe-arrival notes to their families, speculated about the business of the convention.

But there was nothing routine about the troubling question in the heart of every delegate who came to the convention: Would the Wisconsin Synod break with the Missouri Synod?



### Vitaly Concerned

As the delegates exchanged remarks before the Convention opened, there was concern for the correctness of the decision they were to make, concern for the welfare of the Synod in either event. In the remarks of some there was hope that the vexing problem of fellowship in the Synodical Conference might be solved, that the tossing to and fro would be over. In other expressions there was resignation, almost a weariness, after a long struggle to reach a final decision. No one, however, was indifferent or unconcerned.



The Convention Debates the Issue

The delegates' interest in the open meeting of Floor Committee No. 2, which was appointed to present a report on the matter of church union to the Convention, indicated the degree of their concern with the problem. The large meeting room was crowded, and other delegates gathered in the hall outside the room to hear the discussion.

By Monday hundreds of visitors had reached New Ulm. At the close of the evening session, the long-awaited report of the floor committee reached the convention floor. As the chairman, Pastor Walter Pankow of New London, Wis., read the report in calm, measured tones, there was an intent silence in the hall. When the reading was finished, there was a hush as each listener weighed the committee recommendation — a break with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

### The Hours of Debate

Part of Tuesday morning was devoted to a discussion of the report. The discussion was resumed during the Wednesday morning session; throughout the afternoon and evening there was a lively debate on the committee recommendation. At the afternoon recess there was a waiting list of twenty-four speakers, even though the five-minute limit had been imposed on each speaker prior to this time. Several hours later there were still twenty-four waiting for their opportunity to express their views to the Convention. After supper a two-minute limit was put into effect. Yet the succession of speakers moving over to the microphones continued until ten o'clock. Then the Convention felt that the matter had been thoroughly discussed. No one was requesting a chance to be heard. The convention had talked itself out.

When the standing vote of the delegates had been taken, the count showed sixty-one in favor of a break

with the Missouri Synod at this time; seventy-seven opposed it. There were eight who abstained from voting.

### No Debate on This Point

Why all these hours of discussion? Not because anyone doubted the judgment of the 1955 Saginaw Convention that the Common Confession was a defective settlement of differences between the Missouri Synod and the American Lutheran Church; not that the Convention doubted that adherence to such unionistic practices as joint prayer, Scouting, chaplaincy, cooperation with unorthodox church bodies, taking part in unionistic religious programs, is sinful. There was no speaker who defended any of these practices of the Missouri Synod. Unionism is wrong in the sight of God, no matter what external advantages might accrue to a church body that closed an eye to it.

### Which Point of View?

The debate centered about the word "when." Should a break be declared at this time, or should the Synod wait before declaring it?

On the one hand, there were those who felt that the Missouri Synod was persisting in the false principles, policies, and practices we as a synod have been steadily condemning. They felt that postponement of the decision to sever connections was based on a false hope that the Missouri Synod might yet find her way back to her confessional stand of a generation ago. They saw no change of heart in the Missouri Synod to indicate that separation might be averted. They looked at her continuing unionistic offenses and considered them evidence of the fact that she was pursuing the same course. The basis for declaring a break was, in their opinion, sufficient and convincing.

On the other hand, there were those who felt that a break should not be declared at this time because all hope of agreement had not yet been extinguished. After the Synodical Conference convention in Chicago last December, committees representing the four member synods of the Synodical Conference had been appointed to discuss the controversial issues afflicting the Synodical Conference, and to draw up a common doctrinal statement. In the opinion of those who saw hope in these discussions, these meetings had not yet progressed far enough to determine whether or not these controversial issues could be resolved in this manner. They wished to have more time to evaluate the results of further talks before they were ready to declare these meetings useless. They felt they owed their brethren in the Missouri Synod the love and admonition that might yet bring them to see the error of their ways.

No doubt there were other reasons that delegates may have had in voting one way or the other, but these two were in the foreground. Again and again these two different points of view wrestled with each other on the convention floor. Then the majority resolved that the time to break had not yet come. The assembly decided to continue further negotiations.

### Where Are We Now?

During the next two years our fellowship with the Missouri Synod is, by resolution of the convention, to

remain one of vigorous protest against the Missouri Synod because of the course she is pursuing; secondly, the intersynodical committee meetings are to be continued in an effort to reach an agreement on the issues in controversy; finally, the members of the Synod are

to be kept informed about developments in the union matters.

Our Wisconsin Synod has voted with prayer. Now we leave the results of this decision to God and look to Him for direction in the difficult days yet to come.

C. TOPPE.

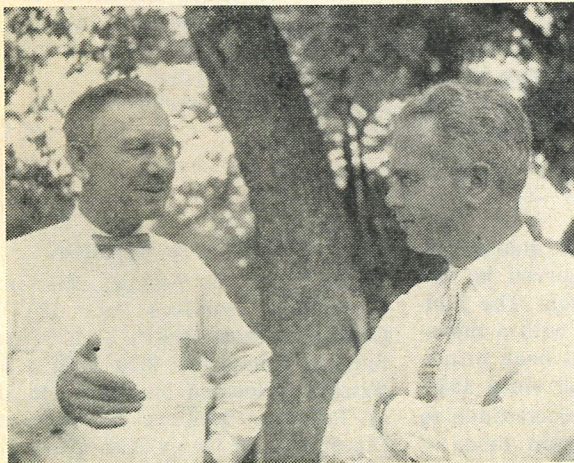
## Convention Sidelights

**N**EW ULM, eighty miles southwest of the Twin Cities, nestled in a quiet valley of the Minnesota River, was the scene of the Thirty-fourth Convention of the Wisconsin Synod. . . . The campus of Dr. Martin Luther College, the Synod's teacher training school, is beautifully situated on a hill commanding a view of the entire town. . . . It is related with some pleasure by local historians that New Ulm was settled during the last century by German "Free Thinkers," opponents of religion in any form, who were determined not to have their settlement "defaced" by churches. Today one of the largest congregations in our Synod is located there, and each year the college graduates men and women dedicated to the spread of their Savior's name in scores of towns and cities over the United States. . . . Thus does the Lord confound the counsels of the wise. . . . The last time a convention was held at New Ulm was in 1951. . . . Usually one of our synodical schools is chosen as host to the Convention because of dormitory and dining facilities. . . . A Convention of the Synod costs about \$16,000. . . . Delegates are paid only their traveling expenses to and from the Convention. . . . The "senior dean" of the Convention was Dr. F. Uplegger, superintendent of our Apache Indian Mission in Arizona. Dr. Uplegger is entering his ninetieth year, and his sixty-ninth year in the ministry. Master of many languages including the extremely difficult Apache language, he has served Lutheran congregations in Wisconsin, Illinois, Denmark, and Germany. . . . The "Junior Dean" of the convention was Professor J. P. Meyer, still active as professor at our Theological Seminary, Thiensville, Wis. He came to the convention from preaching at the sixtieth anniversary of a congregation of which he had been the founder. . . . It



The Two Deans of our Synod  
Prof. John Meyer and Dr. F. Uplegger

is always amazing to the observer how time has dimmed neither the mental vigor or alertness of the two "deans." . . . This was perhaps one of the "youngest" conventions ever held by our Synod. A large number of the lay delegates were young men in their thirties and forties. Checking the occupations of the delegates we found farmers, realtors, insurance salesmen, business men, and professional men. These lay delegates were happy to give of their time, and in most cases it represented vacation time. . . . The 275 delegates went home impressed with the need for expansion at Dr. Martin Luther College. The dining hall was crowded with three hundred guests — we wondered how the college could serve five hundred students during the school year. It was quite clear that facilities were far from catching up with the booming enrollment. . . . Fortunately temperatures were moderate during the convention. There were only two days when the heat was somewhat unreasonable. . . . The delegates were most charmed by the efficient young ladies — usherettes they were called — who passed out committee reports to the delegates. When one evening session lasted past their bedtime, chaos descended on the distribution system. . . . St. Paul's Lutheran Church, in which the opening communion service was held, was just recently redecorated and remodeled. It is now one of the most beautiful churches in our Synod. . . . One of the high moments of the convention was the singing of our good Lutheran chorales led by the fine organ in the auditorium. . . . Don't miss reading even one sentence of the Convention report which you will find on these pages of *The Northwestern Lutheran*.



Vice-President I. Habeck — Secretary T. Sauer

JAMES P. SCHAEFER.

# From a Wider Field

Dear Editor:

AS you well know, this is being written at the Convention of the Joint Synod at New Ulm. It has to be written here because there is no other time or opportunity for a letter in these very busy days. Fortunately, you are not looking to me for an account of the day-by-day developments taking place as our Church occupies itself with the matters that mean so much to all of us who love her and seek her welfare. Since others are appointed for the duty of reporting, I can limit myself to an observation or two.

Throughout the first four days and until the moment of this writing, the subject of our missions has dominated the time of the convention. This may be somewhat in excess of the fair share of attention due to that phase of our work; yet it is only normal that Synod's concern with mission work should express itself in many resolutions and many speeches.

Well, we have had them. And it struck me that sometimes the speeches and exhortations may have given rise to a wrong impression in the minds of delegates. I refer to those addresses which pictured mission work almost exclusively as the task of winning souls for Christ, of bringing the Gospel to those who have it not and know it not. We were admonished not to overemphasize other concerns and interests which we have as a Church, but to remember that our one overriding calling is to save souls. This is indeed true; but saving souls is a task

that includes the *entire* ministry of the Holy Ghost in the work of sanctification. As important as it is that the Lord through us calls men and enlightens them by the truth, it is no less important that He use us to sanctify and keep the converted hearts in the one true faith. As primary as is our charge to make disciples of all nations, it should not be separated, even in our thinking, from the assignment of "teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

As is the case with so many other things such as charity, mission work in the true and full sense of the word begins at home. And I don't mean that in the sense of "Home Missions," but in the sense that we shall actually have nothing to bring to the heathen which can serve for the salvation of their souls unless we have and preserve for ourselves the pure Gospel and all the teachings of God's Word. If we do not continue to teach ourselves and retain for ourselves the confession of the truth, rejecting all error and building bulwarks against it, we shall lose our qualification for being missionaries.

No sober Christian among us would therefore wish to offer the suggestion that we de-emphasize our present efforts in contending for the truth once delivered unto the saints in order that we might give more attention and devote more energy to our primary duty of saving souls. For that would present us with a choice that does not exist, and suggests a distinction which is as foolish as it is misleading. Great are the joys that

flood in upon us when we behold men coming out of darkness to the light of our Gospel. Such joys would turn to ashes if, while we are busy sending out missionaries, our Church at home were through our neglect or indifference to become riddled by a spirit of sectarianism and unionism.

As I am closing this brief communication, there is a debate on the floor as to the advisability of creating the office of executive secretary for missions. It is an interesting point, and an important one, so long as we remember that no form of mission administration whatever can meet the needs if the Church which administers the work left its foundations and were disrupted by doctrinal confusion. That in these latter days spiritual corruption is an imminent threat to our beloved Synod, no discerning Christian among us will deny.

My first and most ardent prayer in these days is not for missions in the restricted sense, but in behalf of the purity of doctrine among us; for open hearts at home as well as for open doors abroad. It is significant for me that the First Petition of the Lord's Prayer: "Hallowed be Thy Name" comes before the Second Petition: "Thy Kingdom Come." I am mindful of the light shed upon our ministry by the vital and very specific command which our Savior addressed to one of His earliest missionaries and Gospel heralds. It was not only: Go seek the lost. It was not merely: "I will make you fishers of men." It said to Peter: "When thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren"; and again: "Feed my sheep. Feed my lambs." The Synod does the Master's work wisely when it gives as much attention to the preservation of the faith we have as it does to the awakening of faith in men who have it not.

Yours in His service,

E. S.

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wilde was observed by the members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Lewiston, Minn., in the parish school auditorium Sunday evening, June 23. The undersigned conducted a devotional service which was followed by a program

of recitations, vocal and musical selections, and a lunch served by the ladies of the congregation. The jubilarians were presented with a monetary gift. Mr. Wilde has been principal of St. John's School since 1934.

May God in His grace continue to shower His blessings upon them as He has done in the past. R. KORN.

## THIRD L. A. MISSION

Our third Los Angeles Mission is conducting services at 180 E. Central, Pomona, Calif., at 10:30 A.M. Sunday school at 9:00 A.M. The Mission is located on the north side of Pomona, between LaVerne and Claremont, off Garey Ave. (Hwy. 71), ½ mile S. of Foothill Blvd. (Hwy.



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PAUL HEYN, pastor.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The next school year at Northwestern College will begin on the Monday after Labor Day, September 9. Opening exercises will be held in the gymnasium at two o'clock. The dormitory may be occupied on Sunday, but no meals will be served before Monday morning. The charge

### † PROF. EMIL D. BACKER †

In His wise providence the Lord on Sunday, August 18, very suddenly called Prof. Emil D. Backer, head of the Music Department at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., for the past thirty-three years, to his eternal rest. The obituary will follow in a later issue of this periodical.

By resolution of the faculty of Dr. Martin Luther College, a Backer Memorial Organ Fund has been established. Memorial wreaths and gifts for this fund may be sent to:

Prof. Roland H. Hoenecke  
19 Waldheim Drive  
New Ulm, Minn.

for board and room for the year is now \$250.

E. E. KOWALKE, *President.*

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The new school year at our Theological Seminary is to begin, God willing, with an opening service on Sept. 10, at 10:00 A.M. Classes begin at 7:30 the next morning.

E. REIM.

### CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

#### EASTERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

The Eastern Delegate Conference of the Southeastern Wisconsin District will meet at Mt. Lebanon Lutheran Church, 6000 W. Hampton Ave., on Sept. 10, 1957 at 7:30 P.M.

L. HALLAUER, Secretary.

#### NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Time: Wed. Oct. 2, 1957, at 9:30 A.M.

Place: Immanuel Luth. Church, Tyler, Minn.

Please announce yourself and delegates to the host pastor, R. Frohmader.

E. BIEBERT, Secretary.

#### SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE PASTOR- DELEGATE — MICHIGAN DISTRICT

Place: Zion Lutheran Church, 10 Mile and Ryan Rds., Centerline, Mich.

Date: Sept. 16 and 17, 1957.

Opening service: Monday, 10:00 a.m.

F. P. ZIMMERMAN, Secretary.

#### WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Place: Mauston, Wis.

Date: Sept. 17, 1957.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Exegesis: M. Herrmann, Rev. 2:1-11 (R. Beckmann, Philemon); Practical Theology: J. Lau, "Holding Fast the Faithful Word" (H. Kirchner, Racial Integration);

Financial Report, M. Herrmann; Visitor's Report, P. Kuske.

Communion Sermon: H. Kirchner (P. Kuske).

C. R. ROSENOW, Secretary.

#### MANKATO CIRCUIT PASTORS, TEACHERS, DELEGATES CONFERENCE

Time: Sept. 22, 1957, 2:30-5:30 p.m.

Place: St. John's, St. Clair, Minn., Leroy Ristow, pastor.

Agenda: Report on Synod convention by circuit delegates.

Elections.

There are no provisions for meals for this conference. Members of the congregations invited to attend.

M. BIRKHOLZ, Secretary.

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#### COLORADO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Monday, Sept. 16, 1957.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: St. John's Church, Montrose, Colo., W. F. Wietzke, host pastor.

Kindly announce early for lodging.

CARL M. THUROW, Secretary.

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#### ST. CROIX PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 16, 17, 1957 (Monday and Tuesday).

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Place: St. John's Church, Baytown, Minn., E. W. Penk, host pastor.

Speaker: D. Kolander (alternate: M. Janke).

JOHN G. HOENECKE, Secretary.

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#### SOUTHERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE OF THE NEBRASKA DISTRICT

Date: Sept. 23 and 24, 1957.

Place: St. Paul's Church, South 9th Ave. and H St., Broken Bow, Nebr.

Host Pastor: Arthur Clement, 642 So. 9th Ave.

Starting time: 10:00 a.m.

Lodging and Excuses: Please notify the host pastor.

Speaker: A. Schnitker; alternate: H. Lichtenberg.

ARTHUR CLEMENT, Secretary.

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#### WINNEBAGO PASTORAL CONFERENCE

The Winnebago Pastoral Conference will meet in St. Luke's Church, Oakfield, Wis., on Sept. 16 and 17. The conference will begin with a Communion service at 9:00 A.M. Pastor T. Mittelstaedt will be the preacher, with Pastor H. Kleinhans the alternate.

R. REIM, Secretary.

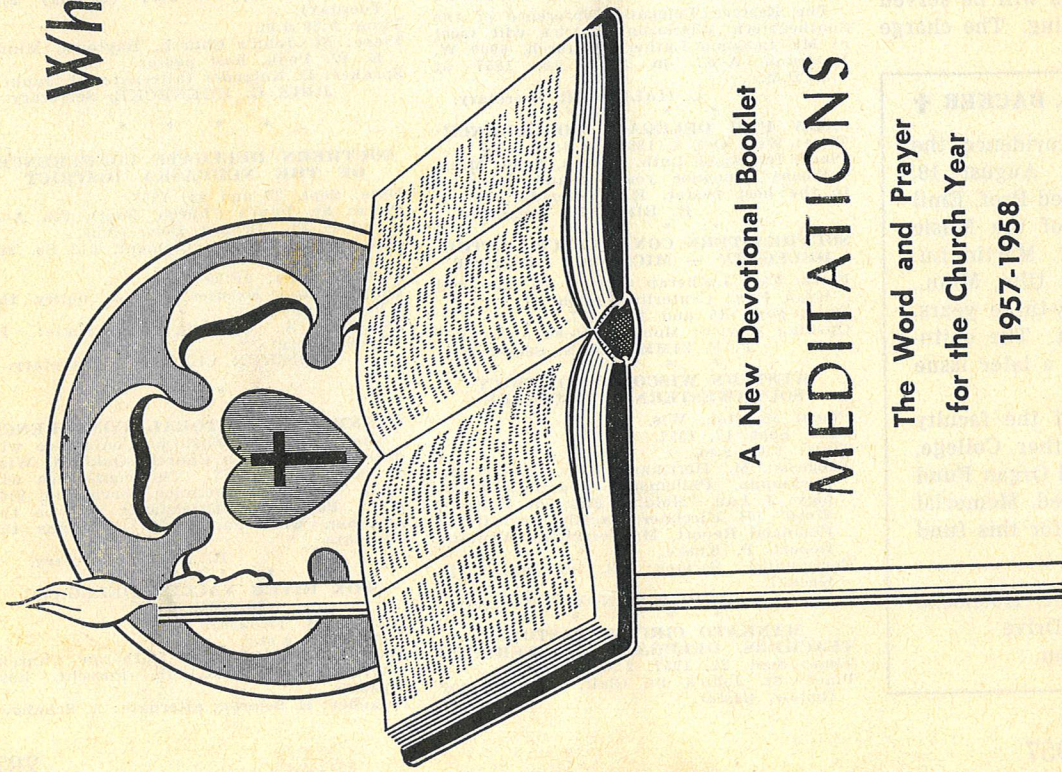
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