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BRIEFS

by the Editor

"If a parent wants to have his child schooled in the tenets of his particular religion, he should be willing to pay privately for that service." These were the words of Dr. Howard Seymour, superintendent of the school system in Phoenix, Arizona. His view is quite characteristic of those prevailing in the Far West. There opening the school day with prayers or Bible reading has been banned by state laws.

But this attitude toward the Supreme Court's ruling which outlawed compulsory religious exercises in the schools is far from general in our country. There are now 58 proposals before Congress to amend the constitution to permit religious observances in the schools. But when these were combined into two bills and petitions were sought to get such a bill out of committee to the floor of Congress, only 77 signatures were secured, whereas 218 are needed for discharge by the committee.

The most violent opposition to the Supreme Court decision seems to center in the South. The Attorneys General of Arkansas and Delaware advised the schools to keep on with devotional exercises. One of them

commented that troops certainly wouldn't be called out to prevent children from reciting the Lord's Prayer. Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama stated: "We are not going to conform. If the courts rule that we can't read the Bible in some school, I'm going to that school and read the Bible myself."

In some quarters more sober counsel was heard, as these paragraphs from *Newsweek* (Sept. 9) show: "Actually, the Court indicated that even voluntary observance had an element of coercion. The argument that children who opposed Bible readings could be excused from the classroom was turned aside on the ground that they might be coerced into attending for fear of being branded 'an oddball,' or even 'a Communist.'"

"This point was emphasized in Pennsylvania. Last week, Attorney General Walter E. Alessandrini declared in an advisory opinion: 'It makes no legal difference that Bible reading as a devotional exercise is "permitted" rather than "required." . . . To permit group religious ceremony . . . would be inconsistent with the . . . decision.'"

The good advice was not always heeded, as the continuation of *Newsweek's* report indicates: "But when school opened last week in Somerset and Adams counties in Pennsylvania, children continued to participate in devotional exercises in eight districts that had voted to go on as usual."

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FREE CONFERENCES — YOU CAN HELP

The attention of our readers is directed to the resolution which the 1963 convention adopted in regard to "Free Conferences." The purpose of the projected conferences is stated in the report "Doctrinal Matters" (page 292). These are the resolutions:

RESOLVED a) That we express our joy that arrangements are being made to call a free conference where concerned Christians can contend for the Lutheran Confessions as a true exposition of Scriptural truth, and be it further

RESOLVED, b) That we encourage our pastors, teachers, and lay members to remember the Lutheran Free Conference in their prayers and to respond to an appeal for voluntary support of the Lutheran Free Conference.

It was the understanding of the convention that those in charge of the arrangements for the first conference would rely principally on the

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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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Studies in God's Word: "All That We Have Is Thine Alone"

And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living (Mark 12: 41-44).

In many of our churches the offerings are brought to the altar while the congregation sings:

*We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

Although we sing these words in a spirited manner every Sunday, one wonders whether it isn't often done mechanically, without coming to grips with their real meaning. At least, it would be interesting to see what would happen if we not only sang, "All that we have is Thine alone," but also acted accordingly. Jesus introduces us to a woman who believed these words and did not hesitate to put them into practice.

Others Gave of Their Surplus

As Jesus sat opposite the Temple treasury, He observed that many of the wealthy people brought large offerings. They were able to do this, because they had been abundantly blessed. It gave them a feeling of satisfaction to know that they had tossed a few of their surplus coins into the Lord's treasury. They would never miss what they had given. They still had more than enough for their personal needs. There was nothing sacrificial about their gift. It did not come off the top; it was a part of what

was left over after they had provided for themselves.

The Widow Gave All That She Had

The amount of her gift was not large, only two mites, which must have been the smallest coins in circulation. Yet Jesus pointed out to His disciples that hers was the largest gift that had been brought to the temple that day. She had not given from her surplus; she had given all that she had. She had sacrificed the necessities of life for the Lord. Humanly speaking, she did not know where her next meal was coming from. But we know that the Lord kept His promise and provided for her. He doesn't permit us to become poor by giving to Him. He looks upon it as a loan which He pays back again, with interest.

Her Motive Was Love

What else could it have been? People don't make real sacrifices like this, simply to be seen of men. Besides, Jesus does not censure her, as He surely would have done if even this sacrificial act had proceeded from some selfish motive. He rather commends her action and holds it up as an example for all. A heart filled with love for the God of all grace and mercy prompted her to do this, and to do it cheerfully. In such hearts the Lord delights. Love alone could make her that daring.

This Does Not Excuse Small Gifts

People seem to enjoy misusing this incident. Though in a position to make a substantial contribution, they will hide behind the widow's mite. "After all," they say, "every little bit helps. Even the least that you do for Jesus will be precious in His sight. The Savior Himself praised the widow's mite." They miss the point completely. Why did the Lord hold up the widow's mite as a gift worthy of imitation? Not because it was small, but because she gave all that she had. Let no one speak of giving

the "widow's mite" unless he has given all that he has. Someone has well said, "The Lord doesn't only look at *how much* we give, but *from how much* we give."

What About Us?

Yes, what about our gifts to the Lord? Have we learned the meaning of sacrifice, of denying ourselves for the Lord's sake? Or are we giving Him some of the surplus that is left over after we have provided for ourselves? Do we take the Lord's share out of our paycheck first and then take care of our other needs? Or do we take care of the other needs first and give the Lord what is left, if indeed there is something left? What if we would still have examples like that of the poor widow in the church today? The results would be almost too pleasant to contemplate. One thing is certain, the church would be faced with a new kind of problem. It would no longer be a question of where to cut back, but rather where to expand.

An American Christian, seeing a converted heathen pulling a plow, because he had sold his only ox and given the money to build a little chapel, was forced to remark, "I am ashamed to confess that I never yet have given to the church that which really cost me anything." Is this, perhaps, a guilt that we must share with him?

"All that we have is Thine alone." So we sing and so we believe. Is this also what we practice?

C. MISCHKE

*Lord of Glory, who hast bought us
With Thy lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice,
Give us faith to trust Thee boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on Thee;
But, oh! best of all Thy graces,
Give us Thine own charity.*

(LH 442:5)



AT THE CONVENTION PRESS TABLE. In the third and fourth positions (from the left) are representatives of the public press: Mr. David Runge, the *Milwaukee Journal*, Mr. James Johnston, the *Milwaukee Sentinel*. To their right is James Schaefer, the Synod's Director of Public Information. Others serving on the Press Committee are (left to right): Donald Meier, Carleton Sitz, Erhard Pankow, Alfred Schewe, Richard Balge.

Doctrinal Matters

At our Synod's conventions the delegates are divided into committees which are given reports and proposals to study and evaluate. Each committee reflects its evaluation in resolutions which are presented to the convention for consideration.

One such assignment at the 1963 convention was the report of the Commission on Doctrinal Matters. Twenty delegates, meeting a day before the convention and many hours during the convention, gave prayerful consideration to the work and report of the Commission. The result of the floor committee's work is seen in the resolutions adopted by the convention.

It is well to note, before proceeding, that the Synod's constitution has stipulated that the Commission on Doctrinal Matters is to "represent the Synod in doctrinal discussions before other church bodies who are, or are not, in fellowship with the Synod in order to extend and conserve the true doctrine and practice of the Ev. Lutheran Church," and "to keep itself informed on the doctrinal trends existing in other church bodies."

Contacts With Other Lutheran Bodies

In keeping with their obligations, representatives of the Commission on Doctrinal Matters attended the 1961 conventions of the Ev. Lutheran Synod (Norwegian), of the Synod of Ev. Lutheran Churches (Slovak), and of the Ev. Lutheran Church in Australia. They also met with representatives of churches in fellowship with us in South Africa, France, and Germany. The convention commended the Commission on Doctrinal Matters for making these contacts and instructed the Commission to continue these meetings in the interest of forming closer ties with these Lutherans and strengthening them in their conservative, Scriptural stand.

The National Lutheran Council

There are situations, however, in which the Commission on Doctrinal Matters dare not involve itself. Such situations obtain when Lutherans band together for church work in a manner contrary to God's Word. Our Synod was invited by the presidents of the Lutheran Church in America, the American Lutheran Church, and

The Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod to participate in a meeting which was to lay plans for such an endeavor. Our Synod resolved to decline this invitation because it was based on the false "premise that it is permissible and proper for Lutheran church bodies who have not yet achieved full doctrinal unity to form a federation for the purpose of co-operation in certain phases of actual church work and of engaging in a measure of joint worship." The convention took note that President Naumann, in his letter declining the invitation, clearly stated reasons for the action which are based upon God's Word. Furthermore, the program of this meeting did not present an opportunity to testify to the truth and against error. Therefore the convention ratified the action of the Commission on Doctrinal Matters in declining this invitation.

The London Conference

The Commission on Doctrinal Matters reported that it has received and declined another invitation, this

time to a meeting in London, where many Lutherans in fellowship with us would be present. However, the inviting body was The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, with which our Synod had suspended fellowship relations in 1961. But this suspension of fellowship was not recognized, since the invitation was addressed to all as being "Lutherans now in fellowship." A forum for discussions between us and bodies still in fellowship with us had been provided for in the Theologians' Conference scheduled to convene at Mankato, August 19 to 23, 1963, and sponsored jointly by our Synod and the Ev. Lutheran Synod. As to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, our Synod in general, and the Commission on Doctrinal Matters in particular, is ready to resume discussions outside the framework of fellowship and under conditions which imply no denial of our previous testimony.

In ratifying the action of the Commission in declining this invitation, the convention expressed the hope that, should we receive similar invitations in the future, conditions might be such that *observers* from our Synod could be present.

Withdrawal From the Lutheran Synodical Conference

In the 1961 convention, the Synod stated that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, by its public testimony in both word and deed, had departed from the original confessional position on church fellowship upon which the Lutheran Synodical Conference was founded. Therefore, fellowship between our Synod and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod was suspended. However, this action in 1961 did not automatically dissolve the Lutheran Synodical Conference or, of itself, decide the question of our future membership in it.

At the special Synod convention, held in November 1962, our Synod passed a resolution to request the Lutheran Synodical Conference to recognize and acknowledge that unity of confession no longer existed among its constituent synods and that steps be taken to dissolve the federation. Though our delegates had the support of our Norwegian brethren, the resolution was defeated because of

the superior voting strength commanded by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. This left our 1963 convention with but one course of action, namely, to withdraw from the Lutheran Synodical Conference.

Nevertheless, in arriving at such a decision, our Synod first examined how The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod in the past two years had responded to our suspension resolutions of 1961. On this very point the Floor Committee looked hopefully for some indication that The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod had come to herself and was beginning to remove the causes of our suspension charges. However, no consistent indication of a return to her former stand was to be found. Therefore the convention resolved to withdraw from the Lutheran Synodical Conference in "solemn protest against the departure of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod from the historic doctrinal position of the Lutheran Synodical Conference."

Free Conference

Recognizing very keenly that the Withdrawal Resolution will tend to isolate our Synod and make it difficult to give uncompromising testimony to God's Word to other church bodies, the convention gave approval to the holding of "free conferences." One reason for such conferences is that a number of pastors from liberal Lutheran synods are showing interest in our conservative Lutheranism. A "free conference," made up of "individuals who meet as free agents, not representing their church bodies as such," would give concerned conservative Lutherans from any church body an opportunity to meet outside the framework of fellowship. The purpose of such a free conference would be to provide for a mutual strengthening of all those in the various synodical bodies who are contending for an uncompromising confession of doctrines currently being jeopardized in the Lutheran Church.

Men within our Synod are joining others in arranging the first such conference. [See "Briefs"—Ed.]

Dissolution Procedures

There are projects in which Missouri and Wisconsin still cooper-

ate, such as the student chapel in Madison, the Bethesda Lutheran Home, the Children's Friend Society, the Home for Aged Lutherans, and others. The involvements of such projects cannot be untangled by a single convention resolution. The convention urged that patience and love for the souls under our care be exercised in dissolving these joint efforts, but it also reminded those involved that "suspension of fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod also requires suspension of the exercise of church fellowship," and that thus faithfulness to God's Word demands the dissolution of joint projects.

The Church of the Lutheran Confession

The Church of the Lutheran Confession is, for the most part, composed of pastors and congregations who separated from our Synod when the Synod in convention in 1959 failed to suspend fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod at that time.

A request from several individual members of the Synod was addressed to the 1963 convention that our Synod look into this matter with the hope that this breach may be healed so that the members of the Church of the Lutheran Confession will once again be drawn into fellowship with us. The convention noted that the Commission on Doctrinal Matters is presently considering the advisability of further discussions with the representatives of the Church of the Lutheran Confession. The convention urged that in the meantime our Study Committee discuss with the petitioners their concern in this matter.

The Protes'tant Conference

The convention noted with concern that efforts to reconcile matters with the Protes'tant conference have thus far failed. In the hope that the separation between our Synod and the members of the Protes'tant Conference may still be ended, the convention resolved that "the Western Wisconsin District and other Districts involved in the Protes'tant matter be encouraged to seek steps to close this long-standing breach."

MARCUS NITZ

Parish Education

The Importance of Such Education

Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, chairman of Synod's Board of World Missions, very fittingly expressed the importance and necessity of parish education when in his essay, "The Field for Which Our Seminary Trains Men," he said: "The work of living the Gospel must begin at home. Family devotions, the reading of the Holy Bible, and united prayers and Christian songs, these are the hearthstone on which happiness is built for family and the church."

Realizing that a living expression of Christian faith can be brought about only by education, the convention spent many hours for the purpose of furthering His Word in the congregations.

Action Regarding the Christian Day School

What has the Synod in convention done to encourage growth and to improve our Christian day schools, which are the prime agencies in the Synod's system of parish education?

1. The delegates approved accreditation of Dr. Martin Luther College as it was advised by the University of Minnesota. This is to continue as long as our Christian principles are not encroached upon. Such an accreditation program will help greatly in the certification of our Christian day-school teachers in the various states which to this time have made it quite difficult for DMLC graduates to certify.
2. The purchase of a girls' dormitory and a boys' dormitory which had been made for Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College was ratified. Action on a request to grant this school a three-year program had to be postponed until the 1965 convention.
3. The Board of Education gratefully reported that 11 new schools had opened during the past biennium. The Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod encourages congregations to open many more such Christian day schools, so that more children may grow more and more in the knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Area High Schools

God has also granted our Lutheran Christians the willingness to erect and operate eight area Lutheran high schools. In them 109 instructors last year taught 2,277 students. The representatives of the Synod heartily and unanimously rejoiced and thanked God for having opened Christian hearts and purse strings in those congregations which have joined together for the purpose of erecting and operating such places of learning. May our Lord continue to grant growth and blessings to Christian area high schools!

Regarding the Sunday School

What is the Synod doing for the education of the many children in those congregations which have no Christian day school?

Several committees, under the supervision of the Board of Education's executive secretaries are preparing a new and expanded Sunday School Course. The Synod encouraged and urged that these lesson materials be completed as early as possible.

Christian Education Beyond the Grades

Christian education in the parish is not only for the young. The Lord has such important things to tell His people that He admonishes them to "continue steadfast in the apostles' doctrine," and to "let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly." To assist the local pastor in promoting further learning and instruction, your Synod publishes *The Northwestern Lutheran*, *Wisconsin Lutheran Quarterly*, *The Junior Northwestern*, *Gemeindeblatt*, *The Lutheran Educator*, and *Meditations*. Circulation of these informative and edifying periodicals has been disappointingly low. All pastors, teachers, and congregations are urged to subscribe to these Christian publications.

Visual Aids to Education

Upon authorization of the Synod a new agency came into existence some years ago. This Board for Information and Stewardship was organized for the purpose of distribut-

ing general information about our Synod and its various projects and undertakings. They have done this by publishing bulletins and fliers at various intervals. They also produced a number of films and filmstrips which portray various phases of Synod and its work. Titles of their most recent productions are "Japan Harvest," "Little Drops of Water," "Apt to Teach," "Your Northwestern," and "Apache Inashood." If your congregation has not seen these films, or displayed the work of this board, why not arrange to order them from the AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS DEPARTMENT, 3614 West North Avenue, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 53208. They can serve their purpose only when Synod's congregations use them. Synod commended the Board for Information and Stewardship for its splendid work and encouraged it to continue its program.

Education for Evangelism

Another agency which is connected with parish education to a certain degree is the Commission on Evangelism. Statistics show that the unbelieving world is growing eight times more rapidly than the Christian Church. Our Savior's command, "Go ye — preach the Gospel," urges EVERY MEMBER to do mission work for the Lord and His kingdom. This is not only the pastor's duty. Every true believer should say with Peter, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Realizing the supreme importance of every Christian's personal witnessing for the Savior, your Synod has published an Evangelism booklet, *Study to Be Witnesses Unto Me*. Pastors and congregations are urged to use these booklets for the purpose of teaching Christian laymen and women to become personal witnesses and missionaries in their own communities. The Commission on Evangelism has been urged to continue its work of encouraging the organizing of area Evangelism Committees. These, in turn, will strive to arouse individual congregations and Christian laymen to work for the Savior and His kingdom in their own

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Financial Matters

No doubt, the voting delegates at a Synodical convention would find their task considerably less burdensome if they were not forced to cope with finances. Then, in unmixed joy and zeal, they could proceed with the most ambitious plans without restraint.

The fact remains, however, that the Lord has made it necessary for His children to give considerable thought to the problem of financing His kingdom work. And here, as in all things, the wisdom of the Lord cannot be questioned. For God wants more from His children than just a bubbling enthusiasm which lacks substance. He wants love proved in action, love which daily works and grows. The press of financial demand gives the Christian opportunity to offer God more than mere lip service. It gives him opportunity to prove his love, to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving. And in the proving of love there is opportunity to grow in love.

It is not surprising, then, that financial matters played a major role in the work of the 37th Biennial Convention of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. In fact, hardly a decision was made without some consideration of this subject. And as the opportunities to spread the Gospel currently lying before the Synod were weighed in the light of their cost, the delegates had reason to remember the admonition of Professor Lawrenz in the convention's opening service: "Will our love for the Lord and His Gospel be strong enough?" Will it be strong enough to carry out the theme of the convention: "Publish with the voice of thanksgiving"?

The Building Program

A major item on the convention's agenda was the current building program in the Synod's educational institutions. Needed expansion calls for a number of new buildings as well as the replacement of several others. (Cf. Report on the Synod's Schools). Unfortunately, however, the monies available are not equal to the pressing need. Consequently, the dele-

gates felt it wise to authorize immediate construction of only one new building — a new refectory at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, Mobridge, South Dakota, to replace the antiquated and totally inadequate "White Building." The cost will be approximately \$185,000. Remodeling of the boys' dormitory at this same institution was approved for the second year of the biennium (cost: \$12,000). Further buildings were authorized for construction as soon as funds are available: a replacement for the 1875 boys' dormitory at Northwestern College, Watertown, Wisconsin; construction of an auditorium-gymnasium-student union-refectory building (a combination of remodeling, replacement, and new construction) at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota; and the erection of two new dormitories on the recently acquired Dr. Martin Luther High School campus at New Ulm.

As these new buildings were contemplated, delegates took recognition of a number of buildings recently completed or now under construction. The \$225,000 addition to the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary dormitory, Mequon, Wisconsin, was dedicated during the convention. Approximately \$65,000 of this cost was absorbed by the Seminary's centennial offering. Well under construction and scheduled for completion in January, 1964, is the enlargement of the Administration Building at Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, Michigan. The cost will be \$425,000. Only recently begun, but progressing nicely, are the new girls' dormitory at Dr. Martin Luther College (approximately \$900,000, including furnishings) and the addition of 12 classrooms (\$175,000) to Wisconsin Lutheran High School for use by Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College, which currently is using the High School's facilities.

To cover the cost of the uncompleted buildings mentioned above, and the new refectory at Northwestern Lutheran Academy, a loan of \$1,000,000 will be negotiated. At the time of the convention the projected

balance of the Building Fund as of December 31, 1964, will be \$531,000. The \$1,000,000 loan is scheduled to be repaid in the next two or three years. It remains true, of course, that despite this considerable building activity, many of the most urgent needs will remain unsatisfied. At the same time, it is heartening to note that our building program is somewhat ahead of the schedule outlined at a previous convention.

Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod Foundation

The facts and figures noted make it apparent that the Synod's present receipts are not sufficient to carry on the total program of the Synod, particularly in our schools and colleges. Other sources of income should be sought and investigated. Mindful of this, the delegates at the convention resolved to establish a committee which would study, and, as soon as possible, establish a Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Foundation. The purpose of this foundation will be to receive larger donations which could be used for various Synodical projects. Such donations are to be sought from individuals within our membership. Undoubtedly, further information will be disseminated after details are worked out.

Pension Plan

For many years, the Synod has been concerned about the needs of its retired pastors and teachers. Previously, these needs were cared for on an individual basis through the Synod's Board of Support. Under this plan the individual needs of retired workers were assessed, and support money was dispensed accordingly. The 1961 Synodical convention, however, resolved to establish a more uniform system of retirement income. A committee was established to study and recommend to the next convention an "actuarially sound and financially feasible" plan to put a pension system into operation. After considerable discussion, the plan recommended by this committee was adopted at the August convention.

The newly adopted pension plan becomes effective January 1, 1966, and provides for retirement at age 70. The plan will award retirement income at the rate of \$2.75 per month for each year of service rendered between January 1, 1946, and January 1, 1966; \$4.00 per month will be awarded for each year of service after January 1, 1966, until the time of retirement. After the plan is fully operative, payments will average approximately \$150.00 per month.

In order that all pastors and teachers in the Synod may be covered, the plan is noncontributory. The cost to the Synod will be \$75,000 for the first year; this will gradually increase to a maximum of \$450,000 per year. The cost then will slowly decrease until a constant figure of \$320,000 per year is reached. Obviously, this plan dare not affect our mission activity. It is assumed that our congregations are vitally interested in the retirement welfare of their servants and will bear the cost of their pension in mind as they make their subscriptions to the Synod. Subscription increases of \$20.00 per month for each pastor or teacher in the congregation will absorb the entire cost of the plan.

Salary Increase

Previous to the August convention, the Board of Trustees determined that the salaries of all Synodical workers (missionaries, professors, teachers in mission congregations) be increased in the amount of \$20.00 per month, effective July 1. This action was ratified by the convention. The delegates recognized that budgetary difficulties made it necessary for the increase to remain at a modest figure. Hopefully looking to the next year, however, they further resolved "that we instruct the Board of Trustees to endeavor to give a similar raise in the second year of this biennium."

Scholarship Program

It is common knowledge that the cost of education has risen considerably in recent years. This also affects students who are preparing for the preaching and teaching ministry, in some cases working a genuine hard-



THE PRESIDENTS OF THE SYNOD'S NINE DISTRICTS. Seated, left to right: John C. Dahlke, Northern Wisconsin; Hugo Fritze, Nebraska; Richard W. Mueller, Western Wisconsin; E. Arnold Sitz, Arizona-California. Standing, left to right: Walter A. Schumann, Jr., Dakota-Montana; Elmer H. Zimmermann, Pacific Northwest; Manfred J. Lenz, Minnesota; Norman W. Berg, Michigan; Adolph C. Buenger, Southeastern Wisconsin.

ship. In an effort to offset this increase in educational costs — particularly in the case of needy students — the convention adopted a resolution to establish a Synod scholarship program. Funds for this program will be raised through an annual appeal to groups and individuals within the congregations of the Synod. These funds, administered by a subcommittee of the Advisory Committee of Education, will then be available to needy but consecrated students preparing for full-time church work. It is hoped that this plan will make it unnecessary for any such student to discontinue his studies because of financial difficulties.

Pre-Budget Subscription Plan

In adopting a budget for the next biennium, the 1963 convention had the opportunity to make use of the Synod's newly adopted pre-budget subscription plan for the first time. Formerly, the convention adopted a budget, the average cost per com-

municant in the Synod was tabulated, and the various congregations were informed of their fair minimum share of the budget on the basis of this tabulation. The pre-budget subscription plan permits each congregation to determine in advance how much it will contribute for Synodical purposes during the ensuing year. Simultaneously, the various departments of the Synod prepare a carefully worked out estimate of their needs for each year of the biennium. The work of the convention is to harmonize these two sets of figures and develop a workable budget.

Results of the first pre-budget subscription indicate that this is a thoroughly feasible and practical plan. Though the increase was not dramatic, the amount pledged by the various congregations exceeded the amount contributed for Synodical purposes in any previous year. Despite this, the following figures demonstrate that the convention was faced with very real difficulties in establishing a realistic budget.

The Budget

Pledged receipts from the congregations of the Synod for 1963-64 total \$2,874,000. Additional income (revenues from educational institutions, etc.) will increase the funds available to \$3,429,000. The difficulty lay in the fact that the dollar requests of the combined departments of the Synod far exceed this amount. Weighing matters carefully, the convention adopted a budget (1963-64) of \$4,119,000 for current operations. An additional \$642,000, earmarked for urgent projects and wider opportunities, was approved "if and when funds are available." A budget of \$4,470,000 plus \$628,000 for urgent projects and wider opportunities (again on an "if and when" basis) was adopted for 1964-65.

Without considering urgent projects and wider opportunities, simple arithmetic shows that there is a \$690,000 differential between the expected receipts for 1963-64 and the current operation budget adopted for the same period. How will this differ-

ential be offset? The convention adopted three resolutions: a) That priorities for all expenditures in excess of the anticipated receipts be established by the heads of the departments of the Synod in consultation with the Board of Trustees. b) That \$380,000 be taken from revenues to help cover the budget, if necessary (normally, these revenues flow into the building fund). c) That sufficient funds be taken from the existing Building Fund to cover the remainder of the budget, if necessary.

Recognizing our urgent needs, it is disheartening, indeed, that monies properly belonging to the Building Fund should be siphoned off for current operations. Yet, distasteful as this might be, the convention was forced to such action. But is there no other way? The Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Foundation may provide a partial solution. Obviously, however, the real solution lies in increased gifts of love on the part of every member of the Synod. Never before have so many opportunities

been placed before our Wisconsin Synod. The budget allots \$1,000,000 to Home Missions. But \$2,000,000 easily could be used. The sum of \$500,000 was set aside for World Missions. Double, even triple, this amount could be employed most profitably. Calls in unprecedented number are coming to us both from within and from without our nation. Surely, the Lord is testing our love! Are we willing to say that our present financial difficulty is an adequate measure of that love? Will we attempt to excuse ourselves by saying that we have reached our limit in gifts to the Lord? Or will we hope that the opportunities before us will fade away? Let us pray most earnestly that the Lord may give us courage to recognize the spiritual opportunity lying before us. And let us further pray that He grant us the grace, the strength, and the willingness, in gratitude for His free salvation, to meet this opportunity with sharply increased gifts for the extension of His kingdom.

C. S. LEYRER

Inspiration From the Word

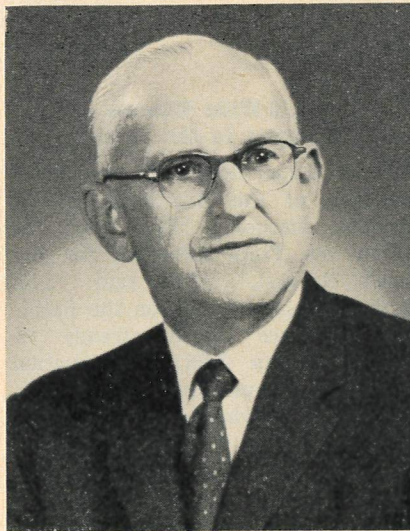
Section II

Three Centennial Essays

Four mornings of the convention found the delegates listening with rapt attention to three essays. These essays presented topics in line with the centennial of our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. They were presented by three grandsons of Dr. Adolph Hoenecke, one of the leading theologians in the early history of our Synod.

The Scriptures Reign Supreme — A Sound Confessional Position

Prof. Roland Hoenecke of Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota, spoke on "The Impact and Influence of the Seminary in its 100 years." The beginnings of the school were inconspicuous. There was a faculty of one professor. At his feet sat two students, and one of them soon withdrew from school. The Seminary building was a rented home on a rented property. Funds for the school were sought locally and in distant Europe.



THREE GRANDSONS OF DR. ADOLF HOENECKE delivered the essays at the Convention. This is Prof. Gerald Hoenecke, of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, the oldest of the three brothers. A fourth brother, Hugo H. Hoenecke, is pastor of Paul the Apostle Congregation in Detroit, Michigan.

The aim of our Seminary — a seminary is described as "an educational institution in which seedlings are watched over and nurtured to (mature) men and women" — is to train men to preach and teach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to do practical work in the spirit of that Gospel. To do this, it is basic that the foundation of all work at the Seminary is built on the Gospel. A profound reverence for God's Word must be in the hearts of all at the Seminary. It is as our Synod president said: "The Bible reigns as undisputed queen of its theology."

In the minutes of the convention we read: "Through the 100 years of its existence its aim has always been to prepare independent Bible students who would leave the Seminary with a controlling desire to put God's Word before their people. Purely by God's rich grace our Seminary has through the years held to a sound confessional position, which is largely responsible for our Synod's confessional position today. In this

centennial year of our Seminary we should all heed the timely reminder that our Seminary needs and deserves our continued watchful prayers."

**"The Training of the Heart" —
Saved Men Seeking to Save Others**

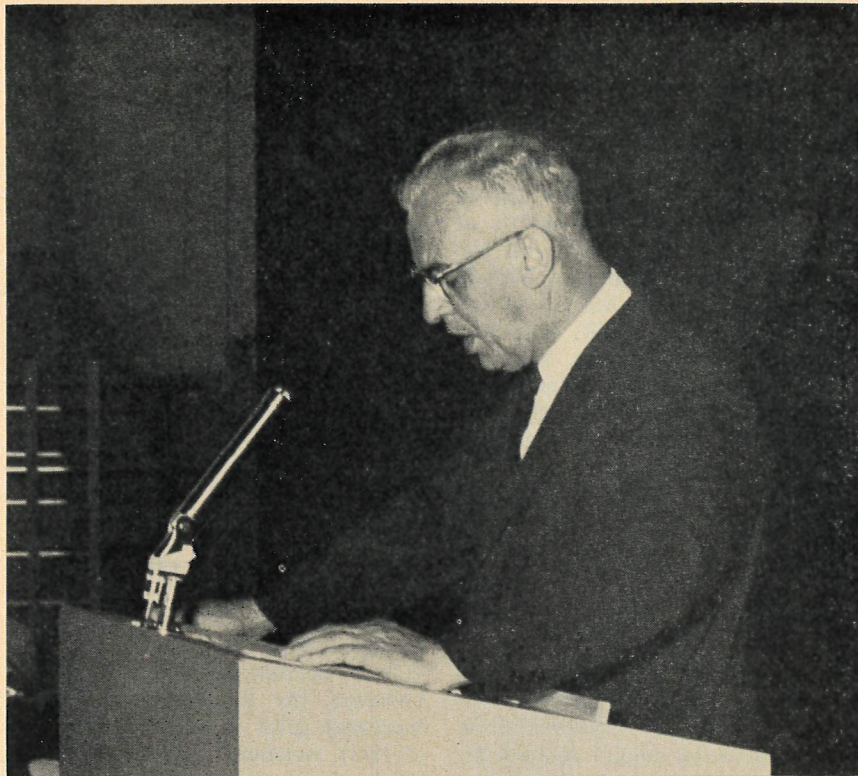
Prof. Gerald Hoenecke of the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon titled his essay "The Aim of our Seminary — to Train Consecrated Men of God." These are men of God who love their Lord. A true theologian is not just one who has a knowledge of God from His inspired Word. One cannot be a true theologian without faith, and faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit through the Word.

So they occupy themselves with the Word of God at the Seminary. All teaching is based in it and centers in it. Not only is the education of the mind a primary object but also the training of the heart. Students and professors alike must grow in their personal faith, grow in the joy of their Lord and in their hope of salvation.

The Seminary also endeavors to train men of God who love the Word of their Lord. Our students are trained to follow the example of Jesus and to find it a sheer delight to study the Word. "If a man love me, he will keep my word" (John 14:23). Luther loved the Bible as nothing else. So must every true theologian, for here God speaks to him.

Graduates of the Seminary should also be men of God who love the ministry of the Word. There is a desperate need for that ministry. "Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people" (Isa. 60: 2). The Savior was constantly aware of the great need of the people as being a spiritual need. He saw them as sheep without a shepherd. Pastors should have a like love for lost souls.

In concluding his essay, the writer spoke of the joy that should fill the hearts of Christians as they dedicate their sons to the service of the Lord in the ministry. He quoted from Luther: "You should be heartily glad and joyful to rear by means of your goods and labor a son who becomes a pious Christian preacher or schoolmaster. By so doing you



DELIVERING THE FIRST ESSAY. Here Prof. Roland Hoenecke, of Dr. Martin Luther College, is shown in action. He is the youngest of the brothers, all sons of Professor Otto Hoenecke, longtime president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary, now 92 and retired.

have reared a special servant of God."

**A World-Wide Witness —
Bringing in the Elect**

Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, executive chairman of the Board for World Missions, discussed "The Field for Which We Train Laborers for the Lord's Harvest." Jesus said: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" (John 4:35). A spiritual harvest is meant. Our Seminary is a 'seedministry' where the seed of the Gospel, the true Gospel, is sown by the professors. The graduates then go into the world with that Gospel. We dare not sow weeds of false doctrine among the good seeds. Those weeds would spread rapidly in our churches.

Jesus Himself has designated the world as the harvest field for the Church. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the

utmost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The work of witnessing should begin at home, 'in Jerusalem.' The Savior's ministry was at home in Palestine. One candlelight at home is worth 1000 watts abroad. Our actions at home are a preaching, for we are told: "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Christianity should be a consistent way of life, showing in every phase of the Christian's life.

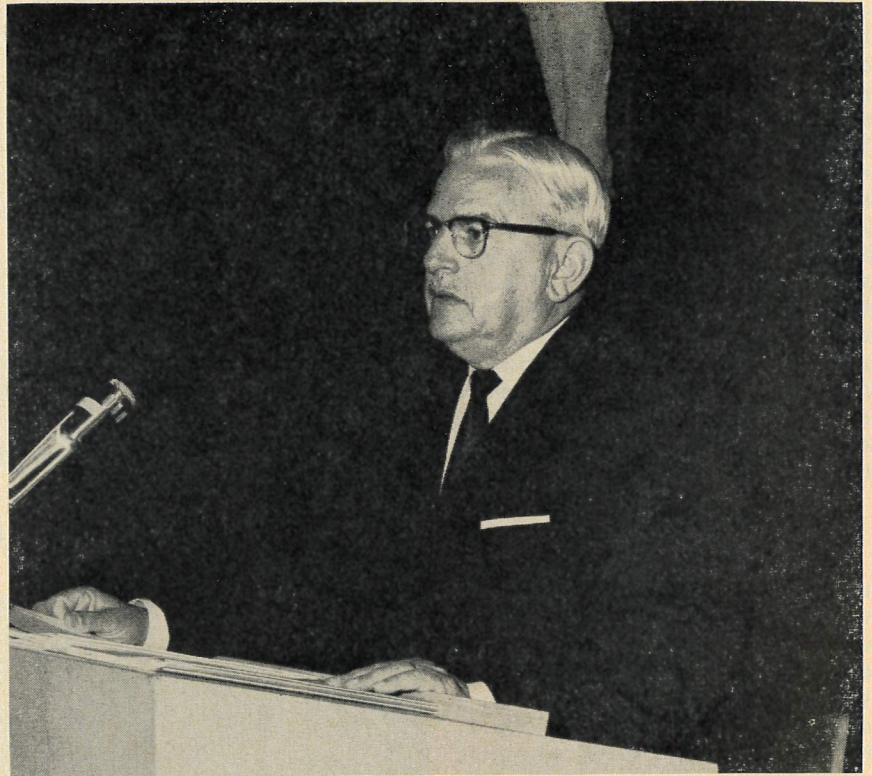
"Go ye into all the world." The Gospel should not be preached only at home, but also abroad. The angel's message at the birth of the Savior tells us that it is a message "of great joy, which shall be to all people." We might give many 'logical' reasons for not going abroad. The Lord knows them all, and yet He says, "Go." Read what the 11 disciples did under the blessing of God. Should not we, the thrice-blessed people of the twentieth

century, expand our mission outreach?

Jesus also wants us to consider this field very carefully, yes, scrutinize it. The world appears to be most progressive. We have advanced from the Model T automobile to the space capsule. There have been advances in medicine which have added years to the life expectancy of people. Yet there is fear in the world; fear of the highly destructive bombs and missiles; fear of great destruction. "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21:26). We have the message to calm those hearts.

Jesus encourages us to enter the world field for the harvest with confidence and joy. He has reposed His confidence in us to be witnesses, laborers, and ambassadors for Christ. He has given us the precious task of bringing in the elect. He has promised us His blessing. Can we doubt Him who has given us the promises of His almighty presence, power, and help? The Lord will bring in the elect. May we be used to the fullest extent for that task!

W. NOMMENSEN



WHERE DO WE SEND OUR SEMINARY GRADUATES with the pure Gospel? That, in essence, was the question answered in the essay presented by Pastor Edgar Hoenecke (above). He is also chairman of the Board for World Missions.

Sidelights of the Convention

The 115-year-old St. John's Church, Milwaukee, was the scene of the opening service of the 37th biennial convention of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod. This church has historic significance, because it was in this same church that the Synodical Conference was founded in 1872 with the Wisconsin Synod as one of the charter members.

Our Efficient Hosts

Sessions of the convention were held in the gymnasium of Wisconsin Lutheran High School on North Glenview Avenue in Milwaukee. This high school is maintained by 25,000 communicant members in 44 of our congregations in the Milwaukee area. The delegates were housed in the dormitories of our Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College and the Seminary. Meals were served in the spacious and well-equipped dining hall of the high

school. The tasty meals were served promptly and efficiently. As a result committees could schedule meetings during the meal breaks so that they could complete their work earlier and report to the convention. This was one of the things that contributed to the businesslike way in which the convention operated.

Good Use Made of Recesses

The recesses for meals were also used to another advantage. Those delegates who did not have committee meetings were enabled to see a number of new films and filmstrips presented by our Audio-Visual Committee. Two new filmstrips, "Little Drops of Water," concerning our Church Extension Fund, and "Apt To Teach," on the Seminary Centennial, produced by our Committee, were favorably received. Reports with films were also given on Puerto Rico,

Rhodesia, and Nyasaland during these breaks in the convention sessions.

The first of what it is hoped will be annual institutional missionaries' conferences was held during one noon hour. Several institutional missionaries participated in a panel discussion on various types of institutional ministry. Delegates were given the opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the work of ministering to patients and inmates in state and county institutions.

The morning devotional services were held in the auditorium of the high school. A recurring "high spot" of the convention was the vigorous singing of our good Lutheran chorales led by the mighty organ in the auditorium.

Informative Displays

Not only were the offices, classrooms, gymnasium, auditorium, and

dining hall put to use, but even the hallways were used to bring messages to the delegates. Eye-catching displays were set up to show the various aspects of our church work. The World Mission Board had a very fine display depicting our church's mission activity in Europe, Africa, Japan, Apacheland, and among the Spanish-speaking people of our Southwest. In a special display on Japan the delegates were able to see what a Japanese Bible, a catechism, and a hymnal looked like. The display by our Committee on Relief impressed on the delegates how much even a small gift for this work could do to help alleviate suffering and want.

Delegates With Zeal

Among the 317 delegates at the convention were laymen from all walks of life. Many of these laymen were using their vacation time to attend the convention. It was heart-warming to see the zeal of these men who worked long hours not only in the sessions but also in committee meetings. As someone pointed out, this was the "Mission Convention" of our Synod. There was a feeling of urgency throughout the days of the convention. The delegates were eager actively to do the Lord's work in our missions and in our training schools.

Direct From the Fields

Sometimes we feel far removed from our missions but on several occasions the delegates were, as it were, taken right into the field. Mr. Raymond Enfield of our Apache Indian mission spoke to the convention about the work in this mission and expressed gratitude to the Synod for its help and support. Missionary Poetter of Japan not only preached the sermon in the closing service of the convention but also gave a first-hand description of our work in Japan to the delegates.

An Infamous Birthday

The sessions of the convention were halted briefly on Tuesday afternoon, August 13, while delegates paused to note but not celebrate a birthday. They were told that just two years ago the infamous Berlin Wall was born. The Rev. Karl Krauss, chairman of the executive committee of



THE FAMILY OF MISSIONARY RICHARD POETTER. Left to right: Pastor Poetter, with Timothy in his arms, Hilda, Mrs. Poetter, and Chris. Missionary Poetter is on furlough from his field in Japan.

our sister church in Germany, told of having spent a "depressing three hours along the 'wall' in Berlin last summer." "This has to be experienced to be fully understood," he said. "Work of the church behind the 'wall' is hindered in a devilishly subtle way." However, the convention rejoiced with Pastor Krauss that despite their difficulties and their economic plight, Christians behind the Wall continue to cherish the Church and support it with their gifts. Needless to say, no one sang "Happy Birthday."

More Than Sixty-five Years

The convention noted with thanksgiving to God that He has granted to

a number of our professors, pastors, and teachers long tenure of more than 65 years in His ministry. Those named were Professors John P. Meyer, O. J. R. Hoenecke, and Max Lehninger; Pastors J. B. Bernthal, Martin Hillemann, J. Henry Schwartz, Dr. Francis Uplegger; and Teacher Louis M. Pingel.

Thanks to the efficient work of the Resolutions Committee and the Steering Committee, there was never a lull in the work of the convention, so that it was possible to adjourn on time in spite of the great amount of work the convention had to do.

H. WINKEL

Direct from the Districts

Southeastern Wisconsin

Three new pastors have begun work in congregations of the Metropolitan South Conference during the past two months. They are Wilbert T. Krueger, who will serve Christ Congregation at Big Bend; Robert J. Zink, who has been installed as pastor of St. Paul's, Tess Corners; and Edwin Biebert, the new pastor of St. Paul's in Franklin.

Milwaukee Lutheran Teachers' College began a new year with opening services on September 10. It will be necessary for the College to schedule Saturday classes because of space limitations in Wisconsin Lutheran High School, which houses the College. Work on the addition to the High School is progressing well, and it is hoped that the new classrooms can be occupied in the second semester. Three professors of the College will be installed on September 22, at St. James Ev. Lutheran Church. They are The Rev. Robert J. Voss, president; Dr. Siegbert Becker, religion instructor; and Mr. Alfons Woldt, professor of education.

The chairman of the Board of Control, Pastor W. O. Pless, will install the new professors.

St. Matthew's Congregation at Niles, Illinois, will dedicate a new church building on September 29, it was announced by the pastor, Howard Henke. St. Jacobi Congregation, Milwaukee, has broken ground for a new school building. Pastor Paul Eckert reports that the school will be relocated at 86th and Forest Home, in Greenfield. St. Jacobi observed the ninetieth anniversary of its founding last April. Good Shepherd Congregation at West Bend will dedicate a school building on October 6. The Rev. Edwin Breiling is the pastor.

The Rev. Kurt Marquart of Toowoomba, Australia, spoke on the recent meeting of the Lutheran World Federation at Helsinki, Finland, which he attended as an observer. Pastor Marquart cited the inability of that body to arrive at a unanimous statement on justification as an example of what occurs when church bodies abandon the Lutheran position of *Sola Scriptura*. "These

theologians spoke of emphases, insights, problems, and questions," he said, "but not of doctrines. No one dared to say: 'Thus saith the Lord.'" His appearance at Wisconsin Lutheran High School was sponsored by the Milwaukee Federation of WELS Churches. The Federation will again sponsor a joint Reformation Festival service on October 27. The Synod's executive chairman for World Missions, the Rev. Edgar Hoenecke, will be the festival speaker.

Wisconsin Lutheran High School began a new school year with over 900 students. New teachers who were installed on September 15 are the Rev. Robert W. Mohrhardt, religion and Latin; Mr. Allen Treichel, English; Mr. Marvin Meihack, social studies; and Mr. Floyd D. Schewecke, industrial arts. In the same service, a Schlicker organ was dedicated. This organ was purchased with special gifts and with contributions gathered by the high-school students in past years. Mr. Paul Manz of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will give a recital on the new organ on October 6, at 8:00 P.M. RICHARD D. BALGE

ITEM FROM OUR NEWS BUREAU

Lutheran Theologians Discuss Doctrine of Church and Ministry:

Mankato, Minnesota — Lutheran theologians from Australia, Germany, Finland, and the United States discussed the doctrines of the Church, the Ministry, and Church Fellowship from August 19 to August 23 at Bethany Lutheran College and Seminary here. Their purpose was to achieve greater clarity and agreement on a series of questions requiring further study, which were set up by a subcommittee after a similar conference at Mequon, Wisconsin, in July last year.

Representatives of the Ev. Lutheran Synod (Norwegian), Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod, Synod of Ev. Lutheran Churches, Ev. Lutheran Church of Australia, Ev. Lutheran Free Church of Finland, and the Church of the Ev. Lutheran Confession of Germany agreed that there is but one

holy Christian Church, which is invisible, but could not agree on the question whether the local congregation is divinely instituted and synods and federations are merely human arrangements.

The discussion on the doctrine of the Ministry centered about the question whether the various forms of the public ministry as it is known today are derived from the parish ministry as subforms, or whether they are essentially the same and are to be differentiated only as to the scope and nature of the work involved. There was substantial agreement in this area.

The greatest accomplishment of the conference was the adoption of a definition of Church Fellowship which eliminated much of the criticism leveled at some former formulations. The definition states that "Church Fellowship in the external sense (Kir-

chengemeinschaft, Glaubensbruederliche Gemeinschaft) essentially consists in the mutual acknowledgment and recognition of Christians (individuals, congregations, church bodies) as brethren in the faith. This mutual acknowledgment and recognition may designate a status (i.e., as being in church fellowship) or it may designate activities (i.e., altar fellowship, pulpit fellowship, prayer fellowship, joint mission work, etc.). True, God-pleasing church fellowship is present or practiced only when those involved are in doctrinal and confessional agreement, leaving no room for any deviation from the pure Word of God.

Dr. Clemens E. Hoopmann, president of the Ev. Lutheran Church of Australia, reported to the delegates on the Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Helsinki, Finland, and on the Theologians' Confer-

ence held in Cambridge, England, both of which he attended before arriving here.

The various presentations of the bodies represented at this conference are to be further studied by the doctrinal commissions of each participating body, whereupon a subcommittee may make plans for a future meeting of the conference.

† Mrs. Gustav H. Press †

Kaetchen Louise Press was born in Moesburg, Hanover, Germany, September 4, 1866, the daughter of Gerhard and Friederike von Hinueber. In 1894 she migrated to America and was married in that same year to the Rev. Gustav H. Press, pastor of Friedens Lutheran Church, Bonduel, Wisconsin. From 1901 to 1918 she lived in Winside, Nebraska, where her husband had been called to serve a parish. In 1918 her husband resigned from the ministry because of ill health and died on December 25, 1920.

Three sons were born of the marriage: Albert and Ulrich, San Diego, California, and the Rev. Gerhard, Wayne, Michigan, second vice-president of the Synod. Her later years were spent in the homes of her children until seven years ago when she became a resident of the

Lutheran Old Folks Home, Anaheim, California. She died there on June 30, at the age of 96 years. Funeral services were conducted at San Diego, California, on July 3 by Pastor Andrew S. Lucas.

Besides the three sons, 17 grandchildren and 46 great-grandchildren survive.

PROFESSOR MAX P. LEHNINGER

Parish Education

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local fields which are "ripe unto the harvest."

May our gracious and forgiving Lord bestow His Holy Spirit and His abundant blessings upon our Synod's efforts to promote the dissemination of His Word among the Christians of our home parishes!

WM. E. WOLTMANN

Briefs

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willingness of individuals to supply the financial means for it. We are confident that quite a number of you will respond to this appeal to further an endeavor of prime importance.

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The collection received at the convention opening service at St. John's Lutheran Church (8th and Vliet, Milwaukee) was \$380.00. It has been

designated for the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in memory of John Brenner, former president of the Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod and also former pastor of this congregation.

Anniversaries

Golden Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. George Schwartz of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Dexter Township, Austin, Minnesota, on June 9, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stoley of St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran Church, Vassar, Michigan, on August 14, 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Rolloff of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, on August 23, 1963.

NOMINATIONS

For the Office of Executive Secretary Board For World Missions

The following have been nominated for the newly created office of Executive Secretary for the Board for World Missions:

Pastor Edgar Hoenecke, Mesa, Ariz.
Pastor William Schweppe, D.D., Lusaka, Northern Rhodesia, Africa.
Pastor Carl Bolle, St. Paul, Minn.

The Board for World Missions will meet on October 16, 1963, to effect a call. Any further correspondence pertaining to these candidates must reach the Board before that date.

Pastor W. R. Hoyer, Secretary
217 East Walnut
Sleepy Eye, Minn.

NEBRASKA DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONVENTION

St. James Lutheran Church, Golden, Colorado

October 2 and 3, 1963

Agenda:

Wednesday, Oct. 2

9:00- 9:45 Opening Service, Pastor H. A. Schulz
9:45-10:30 Business, elections
10:30-10:45 Recess
10:45-11:45 The Kindergarten in Various Types of Christian Day Schools — Aims and Methods, Miss R. Manthey
11:45- 1:15 Noon recess
1:15- 1:30 Devotion, reading of minutes
1:30- 2:45 Libraries in the Christian Day School, Prof. H. Sitz
2:45- 3:00 Recess
3:00- 4:00 Discussion of essay

Thursday, Oct. 3

9:00- 9:15 Devotion, reading of minutes
9:15-10:30 Sanctification as a Fruit of the Gospel, Avoiding Legalism in the Classroom, Pastor R. W. Shekner
10:30-10:45 Recess
10:45-11:45 District School Board Report
11:45- 1:15 Noon recess
1:15- 1:30 Devotion, reading of minutes
1:30- 2:00 Report of Wisconsin Synod Convention Delegate, Mr. J. Isch
2:00- 2:45 Report of the Executive Secretary, Mr. E. Trettin
JOHN ISCH, Program Committee

MICHIGAN DISTRICT TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

St. Paul's Lutheran School

2745 West Genesee Street

Saginaw, Michigan 48602

October 9-11, 1963

Wednesday

1:00- 2:00 Registration
2:00- 3:00 Opening devotion, Roll Call, Minutes, Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report, Appointment of Committees, District President's Report
3:00- 3:45 Using and Applying Law and Gospel in School, E. Bradtke (alt.: What Knowledge of History is Expected of a Student Upon Entering the Ninth Grade, E. Friedrich)

3:45- 4:15 Discussion
4:15- 5:00 Choir Rehearsal, F. Zabell (sub.: E. Backer)
7:30 p.m. Divine Worship, J. Spaude (sub.: H. Peter)

Thursday

9:00- 9:30 Devotion, Minutes, Elections
9:30-10:00 Promoting an Understanding of our Synod to Children, R. Hoenecke (alt.: Guides for the Recruitment of Pupils for our Christian Day Schools, The Role of Teacher, Pastor, and Board of Education, R. Scheele)
10:00-10:30 Discussion
10:45-11:45 Reports and Discussions: Board of Ed., J. Brenner
MLS Report, C. Frey
Missions, H. Engel
Evangelism, R. Scheele

Friday

11:45- 1:45 Noon Recess
1:45- 2:15 The Master Teacher, W. Krueger (alt.: Evaluation of Departmentalizing in the Elementary School, Wayne Faculty, W. Fuhrmann, Panel Leader)
2:15- 2:30 Recess
2:30- 3:00 Discussion
3:00- 4:15 Group Discussions (K-2, Mrs. R. Gersonde) (3-5, E. Slaten) (6-8, D. Zimmerman) Group leaders are instructed to divide their groups into buzz sessions of 5 or 6 people. After buzz sessions, each buzz group is to report to its larger group.
4:15- 4:30 Synod Activities
4:30- 5:00 Synod Board of Education
Evening Gemuetlicher Abend

Friday

9:00- 9:15 Devotion, Minutes
9:15-10:00 Presentation and Evaluation of the Economy Basic Reading Program, G. Hillmer (alt.: Various Methods of Evaluating Pupils' Work, B. Hass)
10:00-10:30 Discussion
10:30-10:45 Recess
10:45-11:15 Developing an Understanding of and an Appreciation for the Order of the Church Service Among our Children, R. Gresens (alt.: Construction and Use of Visual Aids in the Classroom, H. Johannsen)
11:15-11:45 Discussion
11:45- 1:15 Noon Recess
1:15- 3:00 Reports and Unfinished Business
3:00 Inspirational Address, P. Hoenecke (sub.: K. Vertz)

CONCORDIA TRIGLOTTA WANTED

The Library at Dr. Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minnesota 56073, sorely needs at least three copies of CONCORDIA TRIGLOTTA in useable condition. Please indicate the price expected if you have one for sale. Gifts, too, would be appreciated.

HERBERT A. SITZ, Librarian

A STATEMENT

Encouraged by the charity of a number of the brethren, I should like to make the following statement concerning the remarks attributed to me by "Time" magazine in connection with its report of the Synod's withdrawal from the Synodical Conference (August 23). The complete quotation was extensively pruned and removed from its context.

In the course of an off-the-record conversation I was asked by the reporter if our withdrawal from the ecumenical movement and refusal to become involved in community social issues represented a monastic, ascetic tendency in the Lutheran Church. I replied that our position was dictated by what we were firmly convinced was the attitude of the Scriptures toward doctrinal deviations. I also cited our general attitude toward smoking, card playing, liquor, and then added — inexcusably and imprudently — that "perhaps under the right kind of pressure some of our people might even say d--- on occasion." I certainly did not wish to convey the impression that, though we were fussily concerned about minute points of doctrine, we were really "just one of the boys" after all.

The fact that this observation was picked up in what I consider to be a breach of journalistic ethics does not excuse the matter but rather surrenders it to the charity of the brotherhood.

JAMES P. SCHAEFER

CALL ACCEPTED

Northwestern College

Pastor George Baer of St. Paul, Minn., has accepted the call extended to him by the Board of Control of Northwestern College to teach Latin and German. He will assume his classroom duties on September 17.

KURT A. TIMMEL, Secretary

NOMINATIONS

The following have been nominated by members of the Synod for the new professorship of English at Northwestern College:

Pastor Kermit Biedenbender, Warren, Mich.
Mr. David Branch, Milwaukee, Wis.
Pastor Gerhard Cares, Cleveland, Wis.
Pastor Paul Eickmann, Crete, Ill.
Pastor Richard Frohmader, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Pastor Ralph Goede, Lake City, Minn.
Pastor Max Herrmann, Manitowoc, Wis.
Pastor Robert Hochmuth, Santa Clara, Calif.

Professor Eldor Keibel, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mr. Nicolas Kiessling, Madison, Wis.
Pastor John Meyer, Friesland, Wis.
Pastor Winfred Nommensen, Milwaukee, Wis.

Pastor Richard Pankow, Scottville, Mich.
Pastor Waldemar Pless, Milwaukee, Wis.
Mr. Sylvester Quam, Neenah, Wis.
Pastor Kenneth Strack, Naper, Nebr.
Pastor Alvin Werre, Batesland, S. Dak.

The Board of Control will meet at the College on Wednesday, Oct. 9, to effect a call.

Any correspondence regarding these candidates must reach the Board before that date.

Kurt A. Timmel, Secretary
612 Fifth St.
Watertown, Wis.

CALENDAR OF CONFERENCES

ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

FALL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date and Time: Tuesday, Oct. 29, 9:30 a.m., through Thursday noon, Oct. 31, 1963.
Place: Christ Ev. Lutheran Church, 420 S. Central and Flora St., Lodi, Calif.; G. F. Zimmermann, host pastor.

Agenda: They shall Not Cease From Their Purpose, E. Sitz; Hades, Gehenna, Sheol, V. Winter; Exegesis of II John, D. Tomhave.

Note: Meals and lodging will be provided by the congregation to all requesting same from host pastor.

D. K. TOMHAVE, Secretary

DAKOTA-MONTANA

WESTERN PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Oct. 22-23, 1963.

Place: Faith Lutheran Church, Melstone, Mont.; D. Zietlow, host pastor.

Time: 9:00 a.m. (Missionary conference 8:00 p.m. Oct. 21).

Agenda: Practical Applications of Gen. 1:28, K. Lenz; Exegesis of I John 4, W. Loesch; Augsburg Confession—Article 5, Prof. R. Fenske; Homeletical Study of the four Historical Advent Gospels, R. Buss.

Preacher: R. Buss (alternate, K. Lenz).
D. D. ZIETLOW, Secretary

MICHIGAN

NORTHERN PASTOR-TEACHER-DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 23-24, 1963.

Place: St. John's, Clare, Mich.; R. A. Schultz, host pastor.

Preacher: E. Schmelzer (alternate, M. Schroeder).

The conference opens with a Communion service at 9:00 a.m. Teachers and lay delegates are required to be present the first day only.

Only the noon meal will be served by the host congregation. Requests for lodging are to be sent in to the host pastor before the conference.

R. A. SCHULTZ, Secretary

FLORIDA PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 24, 1963.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Faith Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Host pastor: W. Steih.

E. C. RENZ, Secretary

MINNESOTA

NEW ULM DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Oct. 2, 1963, 9:30 a.m.

Balaton, Minn., St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church.

The Beloved Disciple in the School of the Savior, H. Birkholz; The Layman as Priest, A. H. Reaume.

HENRY F. KOCH, Secretary

NEBRASKA

CENTRAL PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 24-25, 1963.

Place: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Omaha, Nebr.; Wm. H. Wietzke, host pastor.

Time: Opening session at 10:00 a.m.
Sermon: Pastor M. Weishahn (R. Michel, alternate).

Agenda: Reb. 3:14-22, E. Lindemann; Formula of Concord—Epitome: Introduction and Article I, M. Weishahn; God's Providence As Shown In Rom. 8:28 and Fatalism, E. Habermann; I Cor. 9, C. E. Cone, Sr. Also various reports.

Please announce to host pastor.

W. A. WIETZKE, Secretary

SOUTHERN DELEGATE CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 24-25, 1963; opening session at 10:00 a.m.

Place: First Ev. Lutheran Church, Aurora; P. Manthey, host pastor.

Sermon: R. Ehlert.

Papers: An Isagogical Treatise on the Book of Amos, D. Schmeling; Augsburg Confession, Article 20, L. Gruendeman; Comparison of Discrepancies Between the King James and R.S.V. Translations, W. Wichmann.

Reports: Synod Convention, Mission Board, Academy Board, Stewardship, Financial, etc.

Please announce to host pastor.

PAUL A. MANTHEY, Secretary

NORTHERN WISCONSIN

DISTRICT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Time: Sept. 23, 12 Noon (CDT) to Sept. 24, 12 Noon.

Place: Christ Church, Eagle River, Wis.

Program: To be submitted by the committee.

CARL W. VOSS, Secretary

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Place: St. Peter's, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; Theo. Baganz, host pastor.

Date: Oct. 28-29, 1963.

Opening Communion service: 10:00 a.m. (S. Kugler; alternate, W. Hein).

Papers: State Aid To Parochial Schools, Leader: W. Warnke; A Review of the Principles of Biblical Hermeneutics, P. Kolander.

Please send requests for lodging and valid excuses for nonattendance to the host pastor: Rev. Theo. Baganz, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Corner Maple & Lansing, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.

Except for breakfast, meals will be served at the church.

S. KUGLER, Secretary

PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DISTRICT PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Date: Sept. 24-26, 1963 (from noon to noon).

Place: Grace, Zillah, Wash.; W. Widman, pastor.

Agenda: The pastor as administrator; When do we have a call to enter a mission field?; A review of the heathen religions as Israel entered the promised land; Isagogical study of Ezra; Homiletical study of Matthew 10:16-20; New Testament Exegesis, Galatians.

Please inform the host pastor of your intended presence or absence.

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WESTERN WISCONSIN

WATERTOWN AND VICINITY TEACHERS' CONFERENCE

The teachers of the Watertown and Vicinity Teachers' Conference will meet at St. John's Lutheran School, Waterloo, Wis., on Oct. 4, 1963, 9:00 a.m.

JAMES TANK, Secretary

ORDINATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS

Ordained and Installed

Pastors

Schultz, David V., as pastor of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Ringle, Wis., by V. Schultz; July 21, 1963.

Widmann, Warren, as pastor of Grace Ev. Lutheran Church in Zillah, Wash., by T. Adascheck; assisted by P. Albrecht.

Installed

Teachers

Albrecht, Henry, as principal of Pilgrim Ev. Lutheran School, Menomonee Falls, Wis., by H. Kruschel; Aug. 4, 1963.

Braun, Arnold W., as teacher in St. John's Ev. Lutheran School, Caledonia, Minn., by D. Malchow; Aug. 25, 1963.

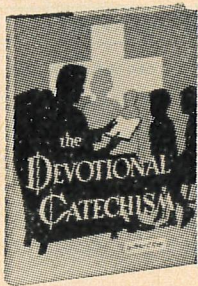
Fehlauer, Herman O., as teacher and principal of Trinity Ev. Lutheran School, Nicollet, Minn., by N. Luetke; Sept. 1, 1963.

Jeske, Kenneth, as teacher of intermediate grades, organist, and director of music at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church and School, Adrian, Mich., by D. Gieschen; Aug. 25, 1963.

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