

CLERGY BULLETIN

of the Norwegian Synod

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No. 1

FROM THE OFFICE OF SYNOD'S PRESIDENT

There was rejoicing in the hearts of our faithful members out in Oslo congregation and in our newly established Pethel Congregation in Sioux Falls, S.D., when, on Aug. 2, their pastor, the Rev. Mils Osleby, was installed by our Synod's president. The offering of welcome was sufficient to cover practically all of his moving expenses and that is as it should be.

Our president is spending his vacation preparing the manuscript for the 1943 "Folkekalender". If you do not wish to be among those who cannot get their supply of this annual ere it is sold out (and it was sold out last year) see to it that your order is sent in betimes. Some of the articles which will appear "Alvorstanker ved parskeftat", "Ten kjendte sin Bibeli" (a true story regarding General "Stonewall" Jackson's last devotion in his home), "Forstummet salmesongen iblandt os?" another series of "Strøtanke", which proved popular in last year's kalender. But the editor has just "rolled up his sleeve", remember.

In the next issue of "Concordia Quarterly Historical Review" there will appear an article from the pen of our president on "Dr. Olther and the Norwegian Students of Concordia Seminary". You may wish to read it.

The president reminds us "The boys in our armed forces must not be let down by pastors who fail to write them regularly on those matters which are vital to their true spiritual welfare."

JUBILEE FUND SOLICITOR

I have made a tentative schedule, having grouped all the congregations in about five circuits. The order in which I shall take them has not yet been determined.

A few things should be made plain now, however. One is that it is practically impossible to promise anyone that I will be there to preach on such and such a Sunday. Furthermore, I hope to make this canvass as thorough as possible, and the steady "go" will be strenuous enough without being obliged to preach on Sundays.

I will, however, promise to let every pastor know in sufficient time so that he can have his preparatory service on the proper Sunday. Therefore, plan to keep your fall programs flexible enough for variations.

Before the canvass starts on Sept. 1 a complete tentative schedule will be mailed to all pastors. If this schedule proves to be either too fast or too slow, notice of any shift will be sent to all.

Meantime, do not forget the local preparations! May our collections be on the evangelical basis! And may the Lord bless our efforts!

--M. Galstad

SUPPLEMENT FOR THE LUTHERAN HYMNAL

From W. C. Gullixson, Parkland, Wash., comes the following: "The Augsburg Publishing House, printers of the "Lutheran Hymnal", offers to print 16 pages of liturgy (pages 7 - 20 inclusive in the "Hymnal") and 16 pages of hymns from the tune edition of the "Lutheran Hymnal" (bound separately for insertion in the rear of the "Lutheran Hymnal") at a cost of \$37.25 for 500 copies of liturgy and hymns, \$83.85 for 1000 copies, and \$70.25 for 2000. These prices mean printing of the plates without any changes whatsoever (i.e., the numbers of hymns or pages of liturgy will appear just the same as in the "Lutheran Hymnal". However, such numbers might be designated with a separate letter, e.g., 235A. Any change on any plate would cost \$11.00 per plate.

"For 16 pages of liturgy and 32 pages of hymns printed on the paper stock used in the "Lutheran Hymnary" the cost would be \$68.50 for 500 and \$102.70 for 1000. However, the printer, Mr. A. H. Fahr, advised against 32 pages of hymns in the rear of the hymnal because of the strain on the binding.

"Hymns suggested for a 16 page supplement (i.e., 16 pages of liturgy in front and 16 pages of hymns in the rear of the book) are the following (comments appreciated): 153, 154, 167, 179, 193, 194, 197, 245, 280, 380, 418, 419, 590.

"The Publications Board might well handle this and order a supply for stock; however, if no word is received by Sept. 1, an order will be sent in to fill local needs and any other congregation's order received or indicated before Sept. 1".

BITS

By resolution of the Gen. Past. Conf. this sheet will be continued for another year. However, the "ante" is a little higher this year than last. We are asking for \$30 from each of the pastors. For those who did not pay their \$30 at the conference please mail it to S. Dorr, C. F. Gullerud, St. Peter, Minn.

Another thing - The value of this sheet will be in direct ratio to the use which all you pastors make of it. We have news, information, information, & news. Don't wait for the earth to crumble before you think you have something big enough to make these pages. We don't see one another as a group but twice a year. So the little things are interesting, too. Material intended for publication in the "Bulletin" of any one month should reach the address given in the paragraph above by the 10th of that month.

"Tony" Weit hasn't said anything, but we're wondering whether all the boards of Synod have sent in their budget estimates for the coming year, as he requested at the conference. If you ought to send him a card, consider this as a reminder.

From the Jubilee Fund Solicitor comes a very good suggestion - this: Let all the pastors submit their thoughts and ideas for a "Thy People Shall be Willing" sermon, submit them, i.e., to the address given above. These words will then be given wings via the "Bulletin" and will thus get into the studies of all of our pastors. This is a good suggestion, we say, because there is no reason for which a good idea or thought should be given to one congregation only. It could just as well make the rounds of Synod. If every pastor would submit only one good thought, we'd have something (this is not to prevent those with fertile minds from submitting 17 thoughts). We await the avalanche. Let's have your ideas right away so that we can get them in the "Bulletin" in September.

Another thing which you can send to Tracy. The names of the chairmen and secretaries of the various synodical boards. Let's have a complete list. To make the beginning: Elementary Christian Education Board: Mr. Bennett Hanson, St. Peter, Minn., Chairman, S. Dorr, sec., C. F. Gullerud, Supt. of Schools.

Speaking of the Elementary Christian Education Board - said Board is planning a display of Christian Day School material and work for the Jubilee Synod next June. This is an advance warning to you pastors who have schools: we shall write more in detail to your teachers soon. Any ideas which anyone has for making this display worthwhile to those who prepare it and those who look at it will be welcomed.

This isn't theological, but it's interesting. - The number of unmarried pastors in our Synod was reduced by a total of one (1) on Sunday, Aug. 2, 1942, at 4:07 p.m., when M. Otto jumped off the deep end of the pier. The lucky (?) girl - Miss Marjorie Lind. The place: Eau Claire, Wisconsin, at our church there. The knot-tier: L. S. Suttebo. Their (the couple's) whereabouts is at this writing unknown; however, those who are informed confidently expect that they will be in Cotterwood, Minn., before the month runs out. - All foolishness aside, we take this means of congratulating our fellow pastor and wishing him God's blessing.

-S.L.

FOLKEKALENDER AND LUTHERAN ANNUAL

H. A. Preus sends word that the price of the 1943 Folkekalender is 25¢ a copy "straight". He also requests that all pastors send the number of Folkekalenders which they desire to the Book Co. In the name of the Publications Com. Pastor Preus says also this to those whom the shoe fits: PAY YOUR BOOK CO. BILLS!

FINANCE COMMITTEE

M. T. Tveit sends word that this committee met at Bethany Sept. 9 & 9 and organized by choosing M. T. Tveit as chairman and C. O. Vangen as secretary. He sends also the following announcement:

"Every pastor, no doubt, is given money by members of his congregation to send to the synodical treasuries most in need of funds. One of those treasuries certainly is the Student Fund. Since we have no way in which regular contributions are received for this fund, we ask that every pastor designate at least a part of the money given them by the various members or societies for this fund. It would be well to remember the Support Fund as well".

"THY PEOPLE SHALL BE WILLING"

The avalanche of suggestions for our jubilee sermons did not develop: it turned out to be just a little snowball, squeezed together by the president and treasurer of Synod. Your mimeographer is not ashamed to state that he used some of the suggestions of both of these men. Here they are

From the President: 1) Bear in mind that NDAROTH in the original really means "freewill offering", which brings it into line with Rom. 12, 1.
2) "The day of Thy power" has, of course, reference to the day in which God's glorious grace becomes theirs through an unconditioned Gospel, which means that Rom. 1, 16, must not be left out of the picture.

3) In dwelling upon the "beauties of holiness", let us remember what Luther says: "Omnis gloria filiae regis ab intus". Es ist eine verborgene Schmuck.

From the Treasurer: 1) Introduction: Ps. 110 spoken about those who are restored, who have image renewed, those (Eph. 2, 10, Lk. 6, 45) who cannot help doing good. quote Luther, Triglott p. 941: "Oh, it is a living...".

2) "willing", literally, "freewill offering". Note: Christ's people give themselves as an offering! Catch this vision of giving!

3) "In the day of Thy power" - when the power to save sinners is released. day of showing unto Israel, sojourn, humiliation, of John 12, 31.

4) Such cannot remain merely rescued people: have image restored, Eph. 4, 24. Cannot remain child of world, unwilling. This is not to deny the existence and power of Old Adam: it's just insisting that Christ's people need not serve the devil, Rom. 8, 5. Believers are (let devil fume!) a willing people, a thank-offering to God.

5) Not glad to be willing people? Business of being Christians is main business of life. When world crashes, as when bombs fall doves rise, so we are escaping the settling death.

6) Give self to keep self: give earthly goods to keep them, Luke 16, 9, Matt. 6, 20, Luke 12, 33. True of slaves, cf. Eph. 6, 8: not of willing people! Heb. 6, 10, Rev. 14, 13.

7) Asking for Jubilee gift is asking to give you something: you to keep: no sacrifice, but keeping for eternity. - Difficult to believe as with doctrine of forgiveness, fatherhood of God, session and rule of Christ, the resurrection. But equally true! Trust you dare to believe also this. God give it!



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"THY PEOPLE SHALL BE WILLING"

G. Hanson sends in two suggestions for reading in preparation for the Jubilee sermon: one reading is to be found in the Synodical Report, Minnesota District, for 1895, pages 3-16 - a sermon on Ps. 110 by Dr. Stub. The other is also a sermon on Ps. 110, this one by Dr. Stoeckhardt, and is to be found in his book of sermons called "Adventspredigten", page 108. The informant adds this remark: "Both are very good and worth our time reading whether our Jubilee (sermon) is over or not".

From W. Galsted comes a card saying that the congregations which he has been visiting in the interest of the Thankoffering are still responding wholeheartedly. He mentions one congregation which subscribed 147% of its costs, i.e., 47% more than the \$12 (about) per member which it will take to wipe out our debt entirely. Certainly that news is heartening, and certainly it is an example worthy of emulation. Perhaps it is not out of place for us pastors to remind ourselves that the more thoroughly we prepare the way for the solicitor, the more blessing we shall reap, yes, and the more joy will our people experience in giving.

It may still be too early to make a remark like this, but here it is, anyway. - Doesn't what success the Lord has given us thus far in our Thankoffering show the value of being very definite as to the amounts which we in the Synod must give if we are to carry on our work properly (definite, that is, as far as the whole Synod is concerned, not as far as individuals are concerned)? Our Thankoffering Committee took many pains to outline to pastors and congregations the exact amount which is required to make this offering a complete success (pages 27 - 29 of the booklet "Thy People Shall Be Willing"): it would seem that at least some of the pastors and congregations so far visited have read those pages and have acted accordingly. It would appear, then, that the work of the Thankoffering Committee has been worthwhile: yes, and it would seem that the efforts of the Finance Committee to show each congregation what it might try to do in the way of synodical finances are also worthwhile. It's just one more application of the general truth that if you have something definite at which to shoot, you're more likely to hit something.

GIFTS FOR BETHANY

Prof. Natvig sends a note requesting that the pastors be reminded that gifts in natura for the kitchen department of Bethany are still desirable, especially these items: eggs, potatoes, canned fruit, tomatoes, corn, beans, even a quarter of beef or pork. Prof. Natvig also suggests that pastors inform him of the time and nature of gifts so that he can regulate his buying accordingly.

THE SIOUX FALLS MISSION

From N. Oesleby, pastor of our newly established mission in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., comes a note saying that his congregation has obtained an option on a lot just south of the Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls. What is more, they also have a permit to erect a 16' x 34' chapel. A new governmental ruling makes \$1000 the maximum amount that may be spent at this time for erecting a church: that amount includes both labor and material. Pastor Oesleby says that this news is the first sunshine which his congregation has had for some time.

According to latest reports, the Scarville-Center-Forest City call is in the hands of E. N. Teigen. Previous to that it had been returned by C. W. Gullerud. According to our information, E. N. Teigen is the fourth one to receive this call.

FROM SYNOD'S PRESIDENT

In response to a query as to whether or not the president of Synod had something for the November Bulletin, Pres. N. A. Madson wrote as follows: "The President suggests that all pastors make their Christmas-tree offering one in which the entire congregation takes part, placing the offering upon the altar. He further suggests that all who want a copy of the 1943 Folkekalender put in their orders betimes. Last year some were "sold short", you will recall. The Folkekalender will be announced shortly in the official organs and in the Norwegian press. He still further suggests that every pastor see to it that his boys in the armed forces get a copy of "Thy People Shall Be Willing", and that they be asked to be along in the Jubilee Thankoffering". What a joy would it not be to be able to announce that all our Synod boys had remembered the sacred festival! And last, but by no means least: Keep posted on the latest developments in the ALC-ULC union movement. They have agreed on altar and pulpit fellowship, and it now rests with Pres. Knobel of the ULC to put it into effect".

"THEY PEOPLE SHALL BE WILLING"
(in spite of themselves!)

The question of inviting the Jubilee solicitor was brought before the voters of the Jerico Congregation a few weeks ago. No one would make a motion to invite the solicitor. Some one finally said that there had been solicitations before, and, if the pastor wanted to invite Galstad, "Go ahead, we can't stop you". So Galstad has been working in the Jerico Congregation for one day, and his first day's receipts averaged over twenty dollars. One of the members told the pastor: "My limit is \$40.00 that's what I'm going to give and no more". He wrote a check for \$50.00 and pledged two \$18.50 war bonds. Another member said: "Galstad doesn't need to come to my place": Galstad came and carried away three war bonds.

In this connection we are thinking of those congregations which have not invited a solicitor to come. We are pretty sure that they will react to the appeal of our Thankoffering in the same way, if they are given the chance. Do your best, you pastors, to show your congregations the truth of what Galstad has been saying (the Scriptures said it first, of course): "That which you give is what you keep" (a treasure in heaven).

Let's all be fully aware, too, of what Galstad has been repeating and which he says a shade or two louder every time he finishes his canvass in a congregation: "The debt will be wiped clean by June, if we get permission to canvass every congregation in the Synod".

If you are expecting a solicitor's arrival soon, we would like you to realize that Galstad has found that it makes all the difference whether the pastor has prepared his people for the canvass. In one place where the people had been well prepared, Galstad made his calls and found that many had written their checks before he arrived. They were checks that totaled \$2,000 for one day's work.

--N. S. Tjernagel

DR. PIEPER SPEAKS ENGLISH

G. M. Gullerud wishes to remind all pastors that Dr. Pieper's "Christliche Dogmatik" is now available in an English translation at \$3.00 for each of the three volumes minus the usual professional discount. These may be had from the Synod Book Co. Note well that though these books were mimeographed, the work is excellent: the books are well bound and will last as long as any ordinary book.

H. A. Preus writes that our A. & N. Com. has turned \$600 over to the Missouri Com. as our share for the work done for our men in the service.



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No. 5

LET'S HELP THE EDITOR OF SENTINEL:

When we write an article for Sentinel, we can save our editor a great deal of work if we bear in mind a few simple rules.

Each full page of Sentinel runs to forty lines and carries from three hundred and seventy-five to four hundred words, depending upon the length of the words and the number of paragraphs.

We ought to consider the nature of the subject upon which we are writing. Does it merit one, two, or more pages in an issue of Sentinel? Let's be factual. It is doubtful that anything beyond the most unusual articles will receive the proper reading if they run beyond the length of two pages. Some two-page articles would pack a stronger punch if the material was condensed into a one-page article.

With that in mind, we prepare our article. It's doctrinal, timely, vital. It emerges from our typewriter eventually - don't forget to double-space when you are typing: - a neat little pile of five pages - only one side of the paper, please!

Jubilant that our brain-child has finally been born, we're ready to mail it to the editor. We should not be. That youngster needs a going over. You and I can count our words a lot more easily than the editor can jockey around to see how our offspring can be fitted in with the others who are about to line up in Sentinel.

Let's say we have nine hundred words. That means it will not go on two pages of Sentinel. Four hundred words per page. Our article will spill more than one fourth over the third page. (Allow two lines for the title and two lines for your signature.) We see our duty, and we do it. We cut. An amputation here and there seldom hurts and usually improves an article. Our article is down to seven hundred and seventy-five words. It's going to fit two pages! Good work!

By the same method we shrink a five hundred word article to three hundred and seventy-five words, and thus fit it on one page.

The front page and the second page of Sentinel, usually reserved for devotional material, will carry only two hundred and eighty words plus title and signature. Let's remember these facts, and let's write frequently!

--Ahlert H. Strand

ABOUT BETHANY

Of the twenty-five male students in the junior college department at Bethany, thirteen are preparing themselves for church work. Eleven of these thirteen students are classified as pre-theological students; two are preparing to teach parish school. One of these two is a full-blooded Apache Indian, who has already seen one year of service among his own people and will return to them after further training; the other is from the Missouri Synod. Of the eleven pre-theological students five are college freshmen; three, sophomores; three, post-graduates. Six of these eleven boys are Norwegian Synod boys: four, Missouri Synod; and one, Wisconsin Synod.

Four boys have already enlisted in the Navy V-1 program; one has enlisted in the Army Reserve Corps. These boys will remain in school until called by the Army or Navy Department.

There are eighteen boys in the high school department. Not more than five of these can be said to be studying with the ministry in view. Only three of these five are from the Norwegian Synod. Query: What can be done to increase the number of pre-theological students?

(All figures in the paragraphs above are as of Dec. 1, 1942.)

What is the draft status of pre-theological students? According to Occupational Bulletin (No. 11) issued on June 22, 1942, a pre-theological student "may be considered for occupational classification at the close, or approximately at the close, of his second or sophomore year", providing he receives certain certification. The recently amended Selective Service Act, which does not provide for automatic deferment of college students, raises certain questions. A committee of the American Council on Education has made the following recommendation to National Headquarters, Selective Service System and to the War Manpower Committee: "We recommend that the present regulation for occupational deferment of potentially necessary students in essential areas be changed from 'at or near the end of the sophomore year' to 'at or near the end of the first semester of the freshman year'. We further suggest that, to assist colleges and local boards in selecting men for occupational deferment, procedures be set up providing for national boards ... in each of the areas deemed essential and that objective examination procedures be utilized". This recommendation would apply also to pre-theological students. We do not know if any part of these recommendations will be followed. We are still waiting for definite word from Hershey's office regarding the status of pre-theological students.

--Carl S. Meyer

TO THE TEN PASTORS WHO HAVE PREACHED AT SIOUX FALLS

The members of Bethel Church have repeatedly mentioned their wish to have all pastors who have preached here to return for the dedication of their chapel. But how can a small mission congregation underwrite the lodging and traveling expenses of so many pastors? Let those who wish to come know most assuredly that they are welcome, but unless they are specifically promised remuneration, let them count the cost. - If things go well, Dedication will take place on Jan. 3, 1943; if there is delay, we must wait until the 17th.

--Nils Oesleby.

BITS

From M. Galstad, Jubilee Fund Solicitor, comes a note saying that he is convinced that our synod can wipe the slate clean by June 1943 - IF we ALL do our best. Thinking about that prospect comes very close to putting every loyal member of the Synod into ecstasy. Think of it! All of our work in the future for consolidation and expansion. Galstad mentions a man in Boston (who is now a member of the Missouri Synod) who, in answer to the pastor's request for an appointment, instead sent a check for \$500.00! He mentions, too, a young farmer who went and borrowed \$10.00 to have it ready to give to the solicitor when he came. Such things will pay the debt. - And yet we pastors continue to be afraid to approach our people on this and similar matters, seemingly believing that the Lord who has supplied them with the material gifts will not also supply them with this spiritual gift - willingness and joy in giving.

The Scarville-Center-Forest City call is at present in the hands of E. G. Unseth of Suttons Pay, Michigan.

S. Sande has been seriously ill and is at present convalescing at the home of his father at Scarville, Iowa.

A Christmas fact: "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds, through Christ Jesus".

JUBILEE AGAIN

J. Petersen and M. Galstad will be continuing the Jubilee Canvass for a month or two more. According to the treasurer of Synod the remittances are coming encouragingly for both the Jubilee and current expenses. The treasurer adds that more and more letters are coming to him saying something like this: "Let's pay it by June", and wishing God's blessing to that end. More and more lay people, it appears, are becoming very enthusiastic about burying the Synod's debt. ---- If we pastors must this one - - - period.

PRINCETONIANA

In a recent communication from our Synod's president he had this to say relative to post-war planning: "While we have seen documents as impossible as they are un-Lutheran issued in the name of our dear Lutheran Church - informing us of the political and diplomatic contacts which will have to be made if there is to be real expansion after the war - we would advise all of our pastors to forget such idle dreams and concentrate on that which ever must remain the true shepherd's concern: To know what the Gospel is and then to preach that Gospel with all the holy zeal which the God of all grace will see fit to bestow upon you. It's not your business to be unduly concerned about the increase. God will take care of that. But make certain that you plant nothing but the incorruptible seed of the everlasting Word, and then take heed that it does not die for lack of that precious moisture which the evangel alone can supply. In short, you have but one sacred duty, and that is: 'Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season: reprove, rebuke, exhort (and don't forget that PARAKALEIN is here used) with all longsuffering and doctrine'".

A Word to Pastors re Annual Meetings

While most of the congregations have no doubt already held their annual meeting, it may not be amiss to take inventory at this time. Was your annual meeting a listless thing, poorly attended, and disheartening to the pastor? If so, perhaps the pastor had better take stock of himself. Did you really seek to make that meeting interesting, or did you leave it to chance? If the latter, chance usually decides against its devotees.

Did you work hard to find the Scripture text which would best serve the interest of your congregation? Did you really prepare a report of such a nature that it would make the negligent ashamed of themselves, while the faithful would be comforted? Or didn't you bother about writing any report at all?

And while we have not gone modern in the matter of granting women rights which God's Word expressly denies them, is there any good reason why the women (and even little children) should not hear the pastor's report on the "state of the congregation"? And when the report has been read, why not let the women prepare a tasty luncheon while the men are attending to the business interests of the congregation? We know that listless congregational meetings can be made mighty interesting, inspiring, worthwhile. If you haven't tried it, do it the next time.

-- N. A. Madson.

FROM BETHANY

The 1943-44 school-year, we fear, will find Bethany with a smaller enrollment. This school-year our enrollment was again 104, the same figure as for 1941-42. The reduced draft age, the need for man- and woman-power on the farms, possibilities for employment in various fields, will make for a general decrease in the enrollments of schools and colleges. Educators in some of the larger colleges fear a drop of 50% in their enrollments. As far as Bethany is concerned, the situation demands the concerted efforts of the pastors within the Synod, else our drop may

be drastic. We appeal, therefore, to the pastors that already now - in January - they send us the names of prospective students.

We want the following types of students:

- 1) Pre-theological students, either for the high school or junior college. You pastors know the need. Some of these students, we hope, may not reach the draft age before the war is over. For others it may be possible to obtain deferred classifications (we cannot, however, be too definite in our promises).
- 2) Normal students. The shortage of teachers for parish schools, particularly within our sister synods, is increasing. The reduction in the draft age will make this situation worse. Consecrated girls with good gifts should be urged to enroll for the two-year normal course at Pethany.
- 3) Girls for the junior college department. How many members of your congregation are graduating from high school in June? Some of them will want to continue their education, perhaps in pre-nursing, pre-education, etc.
- 4) Men for college who may or may not be able to spend a year preparing for the tests to be given after induction.
- 5) High school students - boys or girls - who should continue their high school education in a Christian institution.
- 6) Graduates from the eighth grade. This year only three entered our high school freshman class.
- 7) Students for the business division.
- 8) Students interested especially in music.

May we have their names now?

Travel and transportation difficulties make it doubly imperative for us to rely on the pastors this year. You will not fail us.

Another question: Shall Pethany offer pre-induction courses in the high-school department next year? We would welcome your expressions of opinion.

-- C. S. Meyer

A NEW "FIRST"

For the first time in the history of this sheet, it appears two months in succession in a two page-issue. One reason for that is the fact that Pethany has seen fit to reach the pastors through this Bulletin. To quote from a letter from Pethany's registrar: "We hope to keep on with amunition of this kind monthly, sometimes more and sometimes less" . . . "That seems to be an effective way of reaching the pastors". Your mimeographer is waiting for the day when every department of our synod's work will be represented on these pages, that ever time there is a meeting of the Home Mission Board, or the Church Extension Board, or any other board, a brief report of that meeting will appear here, stating those things done at the meeting which interest the Synod and, certainly, the pastors.

True, the mimeographing of this sheet is very often of a poor quality. The fault of the mimeographer. Maybe, but your present mimeographer is in possession of a machine of most primitive construction. It would have been wonderful in the day of Martin Luther. Today it's not so good. And so the remedy for improving the physical make-up of this sheet is very simple: Next July erect a man with a modern, efficient machine to do the work. Put the improvement of the matter appearing on these pages depends on every one of us, not on just one man. This sheet, intelligently used, can do much to foster synod-mindedness among us pastors.

-- S. D.

Our new congregation in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will dedicate its new war-time chapel this Sunday, January 17.

A BUDDING DEFICIT

J. R. Runholt, secretary of Synod's Board of Home Missions, asks that this letter to all our pastors be published here:

Dear brethren:

Bad news! Upon the request of Synod's Board of Home Missions, it becomes my duty to inform you that a deficit in the Home Mission Treasury will be reported at the Jubilee Synod if you don't do something about it.

You ask: What can I do? And we answer: Every Sunday you greet your congregation from the pulpit with the words: "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ". Have you really thought on the full import of that greeting? Grace - peace -; they are inseparable. Having the first, you also have the second! Without the first, you will never know the second! Grace - God's gift to you. Peace - established for you by that gift, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Thus, in two words, you proclaim to all, God's love for and deliverance of sinners. In the face of this, must there be a deficit in our Home Mission Treasury? With the Season of Lent so close at hand, when you point again and again to the grace of God, when you repeat that Jesus through His suffering wrought peace, must more be said!

M. Galstad submits a report supplementing the appeal given above. Here it is: "To avoid a deficit of the same size as last year, it is necessary that the pastors put emphasis upon the need for a good-sized Lenten Offering. Contributions for Home Missions thus far are dollar for dollar what they were last year. But last year we fell \$600.00 short. Up to Jan. 10 (1943) only \$4,000 have come in, the same as at the same date last year. Now let us get to work. How can we justify a deficit in these 'good' years? A little 'push' at this time should bring in enough for our needs. Let us go over the top to the amount of \$600.00 so that we can pay back what we had to borrow last year".

SENTINEL

The Bus. Mgr. of Tidende & Sentinel, B. W. Teigen, writes: "Twenty copies of the Sentinel were sent to Pastor _____. Result: thirty new subscriptions, which is something for the rest of us to shoot at. We shall gladly send sample copies to any of the pastors.

"2100 copies of the Sentinel are now being printed. This does not mean that there are \$2100 coming into the treasury, since there are some extras, exchanges, and blanket subscriptions. There are about sixty-five pastors and professors outside of the Synod who receive our papers.

"If you pastors cannot get the blanket subscription into your congregation, keep plugging away, and you will get something. Every subscription counts. It is not enough to mention the Sentinel once or twice a year.

"Get those stragglers who are in arrears. It will mean at least \$100.00 for us in the year, and that pays for two issues of the Sentinel (almost).

"When sending names, use the same name from year to year, e.g., don't one year send in a subscription for O. B. Nelson, and the next year for Olaf Birger Nelson. We have some big families taking the Sentinel. And don't forget, when you send in a change of address, be sure to give the old and new addresses".

A REQUEST

At the convention at Northwood, Iowa, last June, a committee was elected to revise the rules governing the Board of Regents of B. L. C. Said committee welcomes suggestions, which are to be sent to J. R. Runholt, Ulen, Minn.

THREE DOWN AND ONE TO GO

The treasurer of Synod reports that at the end of the third quarter of the present fiscal year of Synod four congregations had contributed their average share for the whole year to Synod's three main funds (Home Mission Fund, Synod Fund, Teachers' Salary Fund). Those congregations are: Cottonwood, Parkland, Story City, Lengby.

The Treasurer wishes to remind all pastors that if their particular congregation has contributed three-fourths of the amount which is their average share (as listed on the card which each pastor recently received from the Treasurer), then the contributions from that congregation are on schedule.

Moreover, if any pastor wishes to know how much his congregation has contributed to any particular fund, he may have that figure simply by requesting it of the Treasurer; that includes also the Jubilee Fund.

ARMY & NAVY

H. A. Preus reports that on account of a new ruling of the U. S. Postal Dept. Sentinels can no longer be sent to our men overseas unless the service man himself requests it. So our Army & Navy Commission is herewith asking all our pastors to obtain such a written request from all their men overseas and then to send it to G. A. R. Gullixson.

The Army & Navy Office in Chicago will furnish, gratis, an "In Memoriam" scroll to any of our pastors who requests it. When it is established beyond a doubt that a service man from your congregation is dead or has been killed in action, send your request for such a scroll to G. A. R. Gullixson, who will forward it to Chicago, and the scroll will be sent to you. - May the God of all grace make the occasions for asking for these scrolls very, very few!

BITS

E. G. Unseth has returned the Scarville-Center-Forest City call....Are our people interested in the Jubilee Fund? One of our pastors tells of an eighty-five-year-old man who lives on a pension who has given \$40.00 to the Fund. A boy in the same congregation who delivers papers gives \$1.00 a month to the Fund. Another boy in the same congregation shines a certain barber's chairs at 20¢ each once a month in order to pay his \$5.00 pledge to the Jubilee Fund. If we have enough pastors and congregations like that, this eliminating of our synod's debt by June will be a "pushover".... Homiletics hits new low. The Swedish Baptist Church of Minneapolis advertised in the Jan. 24, 1943, issue of the Minneapolis Star-Journal that the subject of the sermon on the next day would be: "When God Sang Bass". Reminds one of a certain Baptist pastor in Iowa who announced in the local weekly newspaper as the theme for his farewell sermon: "Who's the Biggest Fool in F____, C____, and How I Found Out". Obvious question: Did he use a mirror? When you are disgusted with your own homiletics, comfort yourself with the remembrance of these unspeakable themes, if, indeed, there be any comfort in knowing that there is homiletics more rotten than your own.... The American Lutheran Church declares itself ready for fellowship with the United Lutheran Church and with the Missouri Synod, provided the doctrinal statements which have been drawn up are fully accepted and adhered to; so reports the Feb., 1943, issue of the Concordia Theological Monthly....Just a question: How many of our pastors conduct mid-week Lenten services?... Another of our congregations becomes an asset (financially) to Synod instead of a liability by eliminating subsidy from the Home Mission Treasury and by paying back its Church Extension Loan.... A reminder: If you have not already done so, send your annual parochial report to G. O. Lillegard soon.

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FROM BETHANY

The request for the names of prospects, made in the January Clergy Bulletin, met a whole-hearted response - of silence. Only one pastor sent us a list. Was our request premature? It seems so. We will not believe that the pastors are disinterested in the prospects for Bethany in 1943 - 1944.

The status of pretheological students has at last been clarified. We quote from the Occupational Bulletin No. 11 as amended Mar. 1, 1943: "A student in pre-medical, pre-dental, preveterinary, preosteopathic, and pretheological fields should be considered for occupational classification, if he is a full-time student in good standing in a recognized college or university, and if: (1) It is certified by the institution in which he is pursuing the pre-professional course of study that if he continues his progress he will complete such pre-professional course of study on or before July 1, 1945, and (2) It is certified by a recognized medical, dental, veterinary, osteopathic, or theological college that he is unqualifiedly accepted for admission and will undertake professional studies upon completion of his pre-professional work".

We like that "should be considered". This is stronger than "may be considered". The student MUST be in good standing. That is only just. The country cannot afford to have "lame ducks" hide behind the shield of "pre-professional work" in this time of peril. All our pretheological students enrolled at present CAN complete their pretheological work by July 5, 1945; whether or not they WILL, depends upon them. We shall have no difficulty in obtaining certification from Dean Jesse of the St. Louis Seminary that our recommended students will be unqualifiedly accepted".

This bulletin should clear up two cases now before two different appeal boards. - The provision that "a student preparing for the ministry in a theological or divinity school recognized as such a school prior to September 16, 1939, is exempt from training and service under the provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940" still stands.

What about pretheological students who enter Bethany in the fall of 1943? From the wording of this bulletin it would seem that they, too, must complete their pretheological training by July 1, 1945. In some cases it will be difficult to do that. We are studying the question of organizing the pretheological course in such a way that it may be possible.

Commencement exercises at Bethany have been set for Friday, May 28, at the request of the Board of Regents and the officials of Synod. A few Saturdays of classes and a shortened Easter recess will make up for the loss of this work.

-- C. S. Meyer

A REQUEST

All our pastors are requested to send "quotable quotes" from letters from service men regarding money which they sent home for the local congregation, Jubilee Fund, etc., to H. A. Preus. Such quotations as show appreciation of the work of the Church will be used in the Jubilee Fund Sentinel. It is under-

stood that the names of the writers of these letters will not be published.

FROM THE SECRETARY

Statistical Reports should be in the Secretary's hands by April 1; please fish that blank out of the waste basket, fill in the rubrics, and send it on to Newton, Mass.!

Some of the brethren were kind enough to send a copy of their financial report for 1942 along with their Statistical Report. Thus we discovered that in at least some cases the Festival Offerings were not included in the figures of receipts for "Home Purposes". Nor had the receipts of the societies, except in so far as these had passed through the church treasurer's hands, been included. In order to do our people proper credit and present a correct picture of what our congregations raise for Home Purposes and for Outside Purposes, we should include everything that the congregation and its societies contribute to church and charities, whether through the regular congregational channels or through various societies. The Per Capita contributions of our synod's members have been small compared to what most other Lutheran synods have been able to present, according to Lutheran statistical tables. I am sure that if all of our pastors would send a complete account of the moneys raised in their churches, we would rather head the list.

Should we not all take enough pride in the work of our little synod to take the trouble involved in gathering the figures referred to above? We would therefore ask those who have already sent in their reports to over the figures for contributions again and send me the correct totals, which I shall then enter on their cards. And those who have not yet sent in their reports, please make every effort to do your congregation justice! No doubt there are lay-people in our congregations who study the printed figures and who sometimes wonder where all the money raised in their congregation has gone!

G. O. Lillegard

"GRACE FOR GRACE"

Such is the title of the 90th Jubilee Book, which, if present plans materialize, will be off the press May 1; this we have from Dr. Ylvisaker.

In this connection - a letter is herewith enclosed for your Young People's Society. What it says needs no explaining.

May your mimeographer editorialize a bit? He is too young to be a pessimist, but he is old enough to be a realist. Being such, he fears that too many of our pastors will just drop this letter into the wastebasket and let the matter rest; they will then proceed to try to peddle the book themselves. There may be, and there probably are cases in which such procedure is the advisable one; but your mimeographer ventures to suggest that in most cases it is a mistake. Our young people, most of them, would welcome the opportunity to do this work; and if the matter is properly presented to them by us pastors, they will take hold with a will. To deprive them of work which they can well do is to deprive them of real pleasure and benefit.

--S. D.

C L E R G Y B U L L E T I N

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FROM BETHANY

Requests that Bethany supply the names of candidates for Christian Day School teaching are already coming in. That these requests are coming in so early indicates two things, I believe: The one, that Bethany's normal work is being received with some confidence; the second, that there is a shortage of available teacher candidates.

The second thing we would like to stress. Pastors will do well to be on the look-out for girls who will make good parish school teachers and then urge them to attend Bethany. The government is urging educators to persuade likely prospects to enter the teaching profession because of the shortage of teachers. Hardly a week passes by in which we do not receive some kind of indication of the worry that the leaders in the educational field have about this shortage. Shall the church lose out?

Brethren, we ask you to give this matter your serious consideration. In doing that, you will be doing the church a service.

President Madson and the Rev. J. A. Petersen spent three days among us here at the end of March; the Rev. L. Guttebo was here on one day.

The Navy Department has called three of our V-1 boys to active duty. They have been called because they did not meet the scholastic average required for continuance in the V-1.

--C. S. Meyer

NEWS

By now every pastor among us has received Pres. Madson's letter informing us of the combining of the synodical convention with the pastoral conference. Certain it is that every pastor among us is willing to abide by the decision of the majority among us. It is also certain that no one among us wishes to see the conference develop into a mere prelude for the convention, with sessions of the conference being made shorter, etc., because of committees preparing for the convention.

Thinking of the convention and the conference reminds one of this: In discussions and debate the chief rule that should guide us is the rule of brotherly love; that covers just about everything. E.g., it covers a rule like this: No person should speak on a given subject a second time while someone else is waiting to speak on that same subject for his first time.

Another congregation (which has been subsidized by the Synod for a little over two years) becomes self-supporting on May 1 of this year, and that in addition to the fact that the congregation has only recently purchased a parsonage.

The Young People's Ass'n of our synod is circularizing the pastors of the Synodical Conference in the Mid-West in regard to the 90th Jubilee Book, "Grace for Grace". The goal was set higher at first, the aim having been to reach all the pastors in the United States and Canada; but that would have required more money than the Ass'n had at its disposal. This effort is being made with the approval and cooperation of the synodical committee which is writing and publishing the book.

To date we know of three local young people's societies who have gone "all-out" for the sale of the book in their congregations and are underwriting the placing of at least one copy of it into every home in the congregation. It would be interesting to know whether or not there are more than these three societies who have undertaken the task. This much, at least, is to be hoped - that SOME definite effort is being made in every congregation to further the sale of the book, for we have everything to gain and nothing to lose by familiarizing the people of our congregations with the history of our synod.

For the sake of those who may not yet know it, we record here that the Rev. S. Sande has been forced by poor health to resign from office. Certain it is that every pastor among us prays God to grant Brother Sande a speedy and complete recovery. - To date your mimeographer has heard no more with regard to the calling of a pastor at Hartland and Manchester than that the call was sent first to the Rev. C. Hanson of Fertile, Minn.

TO READ OR NOT TO READ

One of the pastors of our synod writes: "I stood in a freezing rain this afternoon watching a 'Merger' pastor conduct the committal service at the grave of one of his members. The rain froze on his glasses; he used no book, but he rendered the service correctly from memory. Make your own application".

Your mimeographer did some applying. Among other things, he began to wonder why it is that so many pastors among us must lean heavily on notes or even manuscripts when they preach their sermons. No one has anything to say against this practice when reasons of health and of age FORCE it; but what kind of a defense can you make for that habit among those of us who are still blessed with health and vigor? We know of at least one older pastor in our synod who has had his share of ill health, too, but who consistently knows his sermons to such a degree that he requires no aids for his memory when he is in the pulpit. We are not arguing for a kindergarten, sing-song recitation of sermons here, but we do believe that it is a good practice, wherever it is possible, for a pastor to have nothing before him when he steps into the pulpit but his Bible and his congregation. - The neck is "stuck out"; fire when ready.

--S.D.

For Lutheran pastors to remember: "The Word of God is not rightly divided when the person teaching it does not allow the Gospel to have a general predominance in his preaching" (Walther, "Law and Gospel", Thesis XXV).

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FROM SYNOD'S PRESIDENT

We shall be pressed for time at the coming convention, and so it would be well if everyone who asks for the floor in any given question would know what he intends to say and then proceed to say it in accordance with Luther's excellent advice: "Bald auf, Maul auf, und hoer bald auf". And let it be said at the same time that we are anxious to hear from the younger men in our ministry as well as from those who have grown old in the service. Age has little or nothing to say on this score, providing the one who speaks is really saying something.

Let the secretaries of the various boards be ready with as complete a report as possible at the opening of the convention, and let them have them in such shape that serious re-editing will not be necessary. Have a heart with our synodical secretary! It ought not be his business to attend (in the course of a few crowded hours) to what the various secretaries of the different boards should have perfected at their leisure.

If you are chosen to work on one or more of the convention committees, make it a point to be a real asset to the group in its assigned task. And also here let the reports brought in be such that they are a credit to the committee. Hard work is what is needed, not too much needless talk.

And, as a final word - let it be each pastor's earnest prayer that the God of all grace will abundantly bless our deliberations. We have an unconditioned Gospel as our most sacred heritage. Let us think, speak, and act as becomes those who are of a truth the sons of God. Make it your high purpose to come to the convention with as large an order as possible for our Jubilee publication, "Grace for Grace". If but all the pastors do their duty in disseminating this gem of true Lutheran literature, they will have done a bit of work for which future generations will bless them.

--Norman A. Madson

FROM BETHANY

We take this means to make a special appeal to the pastors to notify the housing committee (address your cards to Mr. A. J. Natvig) of the number, or, at least, the approximate number, who might be expected from their congregations for the Synod Convention. Since some of the students will be staying over Synod Sunday, and since most of the visitors can be expected from Saturday to Monday, it will be a great help in planning for lodging and meals to know about how many guests we might expect.

From time to time this or that congregation has invited a representative from Bethany to speak before the congregation or some organization within the congregation. At various times in the past, groups of students and members of the faculty have appeared before the Bethany Auxiliary in Minneapolis. On February 17 Dr. Ylvisaker participated in a meeting at Janesville, which was arranged by the local pastor, O. Krause, for the sole purpose of discussing Christian education. The congregation in Tracy made arrangements to devote a service and the social hour of the Y P S to this cause on May 9. (Prof. C. S. Meyer spoke at the service in Tracy just mentioned. - Mimeographer's note.) Meetings of these kind seem to stimulate interest not only in Bethany but also in the larger cause of Christian education.

Pastors ask: What can we do? There is one answer. Pastors, of course, are aware of the fact that they can present the cause of Christian education (and of Bethany) in their sermons, in talks before the young people, the women of the congregation, the voters in their meetings. Pastors can speak to their confirmation classes. Pastors do not and will not neglect to talk to parents and children, or young men and women, about Bethany in the course of their pastoral dealings with them.

We are making these suggestions because the topic was discussed in a recent pastoral conference which we attended. We are making them by way of reminder, asking the pastors to keep Bethany before their people, as they constantly remember Bethany in their prayers.

Are we editorializing or writing a news column? By way of news, Dr. Ylvisaker is "back on the job" again after an enforced "rest" of several days. Other news? Well, curricular and extra-curricular affairs are always heavy in the merry month of May. There is nothing startling.

Hearty thanks to the pastors (not more than ten all told) who have sent in or given us the names of prospects. May we have more?

--C. S. Meyer

CONFERENCE AND SENTINEL

Regarding the Conference: The program will be in the May 12 issue of the Sentinel. But an extra reminder is surely in order to the pastors that they have copies of their essays for filing in the Memorial Library. So many do not do that, although there is some improvement.

Regarding the Sentinel: 4000 copies of the Jubilee Fund Issue went out. -- I do not have the latest report from the synodical treasurer, but the Sentinel did not go in the red this year. Thanks to increased subscriptions and especially Army & Navy subscriptions, our business amounted to about \$2100.00 this year. If we were able to do about \$2500.00 worth of business, it would put the Sentinel on good footing and let the editors add a frill or two. -- When the Lutheran Witness and the Lutheran Herald argue over who has the better circulation, don't forget that proportionately we are 'way ahead of both of them. Of course, our "impact on the world" may not be felt quite as much, but we are serving our people, and that is what we are asked to do.

--B. W. Teigen

NEWS

BORN: To Pastor & Mrs. C. M. Gullerud on May 5 a daughter; to Pastor & Mrs. Nils Cesleby on May 7 a son. CONGRATULATIONS!

The "grapevine" has it that the best financial report in years awaits us at the convention.

The May 1943 issue of the "Concordia Theological Monthly" contains the first installment of an article entitled "The Reunion of Christendom". It is written by Dr. Th. Engelder, which fact ought to be sufficient reason for recommending it to anyone; it is definitely worth reading -- and then some.

The Scarville and Center congregations, at last report, have extended a call to their former pastor, the Rev. J. A. Petersen.

See you at the conference and the convention. -- Just now came a note from G. O. Lillegard, asking that pastors send the names of their delegates to Pres. Madson so that he may begin appointing committees.