

The Call of the Church to her Youth

A CALL TO

EDUCATION

ENLIGHTENMENT

ENTHUSIASM

EFFICIENCY

ENLISTMENT

Our Motto: Of the Church—By the Church—For the Church

THE EVERY MEMBER VISITATION

There are several new features in this Fall's Every Member Visitation with which every Luther Leaguer should be acquainted.

A Real Cooperative Effort

The Executive Board of our United Lutheran Church in America and the Laymen's Movement have united in cooperative effort to make the Visitation a more blessed spiritual and a more pronounced educational success than in any previous year.

Every Board and Agency representing our U. L. C. A. in any way dependent upon the apportionment for financing its work, has been invited to join in this cooperative effort.

Where the Luther League Comes In

The Luther League of America is one of the recognized official agencies of our Church. It is also a beneficiary of the apportionment.

It receives a straight sum of \$6,000 from the Treasury of the United Lutheran Church in America each year. The Church Treasury is budgeted in the sum of \$84,800 for the year 1933, and the same sum for the year 1934, as shown on Page 53 of the Philadelphia Convention Minutes. The \$84,800 will be paid the Executive Board for the Church Treasury only on the condition that the apportionment is raised 100%. If it is raised only 50% the Executive Board will receive but \$42,400. But in either case the Luther League will receive \$6,000. Anything, therefore, the Luther League does to help raise the full apportionment will be a direct help to the Executive Board. Last year the Board was budgeted for \$101,760. So this year's budget of \$84,800 represents a reduction of \$16,960. Another reduction in its budget may mean a forced reduction in the amount received by the Luther League. And we don't want that to happen. This is the financial side of the apportionment. But it is not the most important.

Three Special Sundays

What, then, is the most important? The spiritual and educational. To this end the Executive Board and the Laymen's Movement are arranging for three special Sundays in November, in every congregation, in connection with the Every Member Visitation campaign.

Sunday, November 12th, will be "United Lutheran Church in America Day," when the spiritual and educational phases of our great Church's program will be stressed. Every congregation will be invited to make a Jubilee Offering, all of which will go toward paying the U. L. C. A. apportionment.

Sunday, November 19th, will be given over to a similar program, omitting the offering.

Sunday, November 26th, will be the day set aside for the actual Every Member Visitation in as many congregations as possible. Those congregations that already have made their Visitation will be asked to observe the first two Sundays, anyway.

Special programs for each Sunday, and special envelopes for the Jubilee Offering, have been prepared and are available for every congregation.

Your Help Needed

The Executive Board and the Laymen's Movement have been working on this Fall's Every Member Visitation since the last week in July. If it is to be the spiritual, educational, and financial success it deserves to be, every Board and Agency must do its part. The Luther League of America can be a mighty factor in making it a success. Remember, we all are "co-workers together with God," and we have a common goal—to advance His kingdom here on earth. We are counting on every Luther Leaguer to help. We need you. And you need us. We are all interdependent, and it is only as we recognize that fact that we succeed—either with our own program or the program of our Church as a whole. We are praying for your co-operation.

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY
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Real Southern Hospitality Awaits You
in
Genuine Lutheran Atmosphere

The Charleston District Luther League has extended a cordial invitation to the Luther League of America for its next Biennial Convention.

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**THE CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS
 OF AMERICA**

(By Rev. C. B. Gohdes, Litt.D., Editor, Lutheran Youth)

What a far cry from the days when the foundation of this nation was laid in faith to the present, when that foundation is crumbling! What a far cry from the days when our American colleges—Harvard, Yale, King's, Brown, William and Mary—were established for the purpose of infusing Christianity into the minds of the educated youth, to the present, when those self-same institutions and hundreds of others set themselves the task of blasting at the Rock of Ages. What a far cry from the day when the pioneers of America made the teaching of the Gospel the sole object of the Church, to the present, when a growing number of churches make the denial of the Gospel the ground of their appeal to the learned, vaunting their treason to Christ as evidence of being abreast of the times.

We who are faithful to the old Bible, the old faith, the old Christ as well as to our country's highest interests, can we fail to feel the inspiration to faithfulness flowing from the fountains of the past? There is no doubt: the foundations laid for our country in the period of its establishment were Christian. Whereas it is true that the first English colony, Jamestown, was commercial in character, it is equally true that the Bible came with the first settlers, so did the church and the Christian faith. It was the atmosphere thus resulting in the old Dominion which made possible the character and achievements of the peerless Washington and of that other Virginian who will never cease to inspire respect and affection, Robert E. Lee.

In our national hymn, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," we find that line, "Land of the Pilgrims' pride." Quite so! And it is the Christian character of William Bradford's and Priscilla's people in which we take this pride. In unending radiations of light, in unceasing percolations of power, in far-ranging flashes of Pentecostal fire, none of our immigrant stocks has surpassed the Pilgrim group, whom persecution brought to the shores of New England. In New Plymouth the Christian faith was the secret of noble living amid conditions of hardship and poverty. Pure in morals, tolerant of others, prayerful and devout—that was Pilgrim faith.

Yet, with whatever fondness we dwell upon the Pilgrim strength of faith, as Americans we will not, as Lutherans we dare not, forget that we have ancestors in the faith who were at the same time builders of America. When Washington surveyed what was then the wilderness of the west, he found Lutherans there. When he crossed the Delaware to fall upon the foe, the Lutheran was with him there in the wintry blast.

Coming in the second decade of the eighteenth century, only eighty years after the Puritans of Massachusetts, the Palatine Lutherans became a constituent element of the old American stock. Driven from their native land by the adulterous Louis XIV, who wanted to Romanize their land as an act of penance, these Lutherans came through a night of tribulation darker than that seen by Bradford of New Plymouth or by Winthrop, Puritan founder of Massachusetts. They, too, brought Christ with them, and even a purer Bible faith than others.

Among our older immigrant stocks there was one group which is surpassed by none that had a part in the founding of this nation, namely, the Salzburger. Expelled from their homes by a fiendish archbishop, these exiles for the faith were invited by Governor Ogelthorpe to found a home in the new colony of Georgia. Equaled as martyrs only by the Hugenots of France and the early Christians, these people, more than any other group, brought with them the Bible faith in its truest interpretation—a life fragrant of heaven.

A far cry from the day of the founders to this, in which the problem clamors for solution to save America and the world by upholding the Christian faith. There is no question about it: what ails the world is that there is too little of God in it and too much of self and sin. Many of the offspring of America's Christian founders are denying the divine Christ, and thus lack the remedy for the nation's ills. Lutherans will stand by the cross though, alas, too often they have robbed the Gospel of the power by deadness of faith. It is, therefore, for us to show of what stuff we are made by living and spreading the Gospel faith in the gathering gloom. It is Christ enthroned or it is doom. Only as our country is placed back on its early Christian foundations will it survive the future.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SENDS REGRETS

The Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America has found it impossible to continue the \$500.00 financial co-operation with the Luther League of America. Resolutions of the Board of Education are as follows:

1. "That the financial co-operation of the Board of Education with the Luther League be discontinued."

2. "That the Secretaries of the Student Division and of the Luther League continue as in previous years to be mutually helpful in Christian Life Guidance."

We regret greatly that the financial situation prevents the financial co-operation but I am sure our Secretaries will be able and willing to render valuable assistance to you.

GOULD WICKEY,
Executive Secretary

HIS PRAYER, OUR PRAYER, FOR YOUTH

(By Raymond R. Pfeiffer)

We think of you
How deeply true
You are in life,
Ne'er of strife.

Seek you this life?
In Christ the Light,
In Him the Way and Truth,
He is our life.

For you our prayer
Abundant life
With all to share,
This is full life.

This is His prayer,
Our prayer to share.
"I came for all
That none may fall
But have Eternal Life."

KEEP ON GIVING—LET US COMPLETE THE JAPAN OBJECTIVE THIS YEAR

Help commemorate the fortieth anniversary year of the beginnings of Lutheran work in Japan by completing our objective. We need \$4,000 to complete the \$15,000 quota of the Japan objective. Let us all do our part. A united effort and we shall succeed. Let's go!

Last Minute Reports

Two More Months to Go!

Only 7—100 per cent Dues paid.

Only 9—100 per cent Japan Objective paid.

We are counting on YOU!

HELP BALANCE OUR BUDGET

DUES REPORT

September 30, 1933

League	Senior Dues		Inter. Dues	
	Billed	Paid	Billed	Paid
Alabama	\$ 7.50	\$.70	\$1.20	\$.60
6—Northern California	37.25	37.25	1.30	1.30
Southern California	102.50	5.00	7.00	
Canada		150.00		
Columbia District	35.75		3.90	
Connecticut	57.00	25.00	6.00	
3—Florida	31.25	31.25	1.00	1.00
Georgia	77.25	18.12	7.70	4.00
Illinois	262.50	100.00	40.00	
7—Indiana	125.00	125.00	13.50	13.50
2—Iowa	81.25	81.25	15.00	15.00
Kansas	62.50		8.90	
Maryland	431.50	207.50	39.70	10.70
Michigan	165.75	64.38	24.90	
Minnesota	100.00	69.00	10.00	5.00
Mississippi	30.00			
Montana	5.00			
Nebraska	177.00	89.50	13.00	2.30
German Nebraska	80.00			
New Jersey	238.50	128.56	35.00	20.20
New York	700.75	402.75	222.20	76.40
4—North Carolina	657.50	657.50	90.00	90.00
Ohio	375.00	187.50	34.20	17.10
Pacific Northwest	40.00	30.00	1.50	1.50
Pennsylvania	2,567.50	1,925.55	208.10	156.15
Rocky Mountain	22.75			
South Carolina	393.75	301.75	28.70	28.70
5—Texas	56.25	56.25	7.90	7.90
Virginia	531.25	100.00	10.00	
West Virginia	90.25		1.80	
1—Wisconsin	76.75	76.75	14.40	14.40
Total	\$7,612.50	\$4,870.56	\$847.60	\$465.75

REPORT OF THE JAPAN OBJECTIVE

September 30, 1933

League	Quota	Senior	Inter.	Junior
Alabama	\$ 9.35	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Northern California	91.30			
Southern California	134.75	50.00		2.50
Canada		2.00		
Columbia District	78.65			
Connecticut	268.95	123.83		
5—Florida	60.50	60.50		
Georgia	201.85	134.43	12.98	6.50
1—Illinois	695.75	688.00	12.00	
Indiana	295.90	125.00	9.00	2.00
4—Iowa	156.20	156.20	1.06	
2—Kansas	95.70	99.60	9.50	9.52
7—Maryland	836.55	918.56	59.07	53.01
Michigan	322.85	274.75	9.50	12.25
3—Minnesota	187.55	189.36		3.18
Mississippi	31.90			
Montana	13.75			
Nebraska	437.80	242.28		3.00
German Nebraska	176.00	110.00		
New Jersey	350.35	280.69	10.85	29.59
New York	1,442.65	866.20	96.59	36.66
North Carolina	738.65	428.04	27.26	
Nova Scotia	38.50			
6—Ohio	864.60	798.32	45.76	40.42
9—Pacific Northwest	40.70	40.70		
Pennsylvania	5,280.00	4,058.27	289.08	306.37
Puerto Rico		30.00		
Rocky Mountain	96.25	2.00		
South Carolina	1,199.55	660.38	73.02	
Texas	141.35	113.92		9.00
Virginia	699.60	5.00	16.25	
West Virginia	104.50	25.76		
8—Wisconsin	209.55	201.80	2.00	5.75
Junior Rally at Reading Convention		11.00		40.50
Cash Contribution				
Total	\$15,301.55	\$10,706.59	\$674.92	\$561.25

A FIRST AID KIT FOR LEADERS OF DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS

LEADERSHIP

The leader must give thought to his work. His position adds an added responsibility. Not only is he expected to take a part in the work, often doing as much, and even more, than others, but he must give thought to the work itself and the plans and methods. He must plan for the others, and at the same time he must set the example in doing the work as well.

But there is joy in leadership. If there is a true spirit in leadership, then there is also a keen satisfaction in seeing the worthy accomplishments of the work. There is joy in leading in the things which are good and righteous. The heart is warmed over the worth-while accomplishments which bring good things and blessings unto others. Especially does God give a deep satisfaction and spiritual joy for the service which is rendered in His name and for His sake.

LEADERS FROM THE COMMON PEOPLE

We are accustomed to think of man as the victim of circumstances. The whining spirit is a confession of failure before the forces of heredity and environment. On the other hand, the spirit of faith and fortitude has wrestled with the downward bias and turned victory into defeat. The most fertile thinkers of the world owed little to the patronage of the aristocracy of birth or of wealth. They belonged to the ranks of the bourgeois and even the proletariat. Who produced much of the creative work in philosophy, art, literature, music, politics, and religion? It was done by Socrates, the son of a midwife, Aristotle, the son of a physician, Mohammed, the son of a merchant, Leonardo da Vinci, the son of a notary, Luther, the son of a miner, Spinoza, the son of a butcher, Voltaire, the son of an attorney, Kant, the son of a saddler, Michael Faraday, the son of a blacksmith, Beethoven, the son of a shiftless musician, Carlyle, the son of a stonemason, Browning, the son of a clerk, Louis Pasteur, the son of a tanner, Lincoln, the son of a carpenter. There are exceptions, such as a Plato, Bacon, Washington, Gladstone, Phillips Brooks, and others. But the fact remains that as the sap rises upward from below, so the vital energies that wrought for the enlightenment and emancipation of the race have come from those leaders who rose out of the midst of the common people.—Oscar L. Joseph in "Ring of Realities"; Harper & Brothers, Publishers.

NOT ALL ARE LEADERS

Unfortunately, sometimes, oftener than one would wish, the very ones who are most eager to thrust themselves to the front and lead are not the type who are the best leaders. They may be aggressive enough and willing enough to work, but they are frequently too aggressive, too self-assertive, too haughty. Then, too, that type which seeks and strives for leadership is often "bossy." That spirit, of course, in a large measure kills true leadership. The true leader must have a cheerful, voluntary following. The "driver" may accomplish a certain amount of work, but without the regard and love of those who follow, he will fall far short of ac-

complishing all that could be done, were there true respect and love in the hearts of those who follow. It is often found, also, that those who are always seeking to place themselves into places of leadership, into offices, that often in the work and life of the church, they are not the most spiritually minded, or most spiritually living persons. Their desire for leadership does not spring apparently from the sincere desire of loving service in the name and for the sake of Christ, but it is an ambition for the limelight.

On the other hand, it is not wrong for any one who may have strong qualities of leadership to plan and to prepare himself for leadership. We must have leaders. The work would lag and languish if there were no capable leaders. But the aiming for leadership must spring from an unselfish spirit to be able to do the most that your talents will enable you to do for Christ and His Kingdom. If you have the right spirit in you, then the more you prepare yourself for leadership the better servant of God you are.

LET US PRESERVE THANKSGIVING DAY

"Be ye thankful," is a scriptural admonition that has sound truth in it. The people with whom you love to be are those whose minds have the overflow of thanksgiving. One of the letters I treasure is from a noble woman; a letter in which she strung her sentences as pearls on a thread of gratitude. It was written out of affliction and deferred hope. One of the saddest pictures I have in memory is that of a mother sitting with bowed form and set face. She had just received into her soul the arrow of ingratitude let fly by her own son. All those tender ministries of mother had faded out of his mind. The spirit of gratitude had fled from his selfish soul.

Since the Mayflower dropped anchor in Providence Bay, November 21, 1620, thanksgiving has been a national custom. When the anchor chain brought the ship to rest the weary voyagers gave thanks to God; they praised the Pilot who had guided them through the stormy seas. It became their habit when the harvests were gathered to give thanks to God who gave both seedtime and harvest. It is one of our best American traditions.

HOW THANKSGIVING BECAME A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

One person more than anyone else, was responsible for Thanksgiving Day becoming a national holiday. I wonder if you know her name for it is so very rarely mentioned, that few people do know it. A lady, whose name was Mrs. Sarah Hale, came from Boston to Philadelphia to edit a woman's magazine. She had always lived in New England, and had observed Thanksgiving Day, and she did not want the custom to die out. So she sent letters to all the governors of the States and Territories, asking them to set apart the last Thursday in November for a national Thanksgiving Day. At first they did not pay any attention to her, but year after year she wrote, until finally a few responded to her re-

quest. During the Civil War the custom lagged, but Mrs. Hale was persistent. She would not allow it to be forgotten, so she kept writing to the governors and others about it. After the battle of Gettysburg she wrote to President Lincoln and suggested that he appoint a national holiday of thanksgiving. This he did and ever since then each President has set apart the last Thursday in November for national thanksgiving, and has written a proclamation in which he mentioned the things for which we are to be thankful. That is the story of how Thanksgiving Day became a national holiday for all.—Alfred J. Sadler in "Story Sermons For Juniors"; The Abingdon Press.

JESUS, OUR CONTEMPORARY

One of the world's greatest stories is that of The Wandering Jew. It is a story which symbolizes a profound truth of Christian history. The hero of this medieval tale is one who is supposed to be condemned by Jesus to immortality on earth. He can never retire completely from the human scene, but must reappear in each new generation as its contemporary. In a high and reverent sense Jesus is the wandering Jew. He does not come upon the scene in each new century as a Rip Van Winkle, but as the contemporary of each new age, the one in whom its highest aspirations find fulfillment. When the age of democracy came on the world's calendar, it found in Jesus its highest exponent and leader. So it is with many other characteristic interests of our time.—Halford E. Luccock in "Jesus and the American Mind"; The Abingdon Press.

WHAT SERVICE MAY MEAN

A poor widow woman walked five miles in a terrible night to get a doctor. He hesitated to make the unpleasant trip for which he would receive no financial remuneration. True to his high ideals, however, the physician went, and the life of the little child was saved, and there seemed to be little hope that he could ever amount to more than just a poor laborer. Years after that same child became the great Lloyd George of world history, and the doctor said, "I never dreamed that in saving the life of that child on the farm hearth, I was saving the life of the national leader."—William W. Hamilton in "Sermons On Books of the Bible"; Doubleday Doran & Company.

HER NEIGHBOR'S WAY

(By Susan Hubbard Martin)

People were beginning to avoid young Mrs. Hildebrand. There was a certain irritability about her manner, and little fine lines were beginning to show about the mouth. Her voice already had a sharp tone, and from the sweet-faced, happy girl who had started life to walk by Allen Hildebrand's side, she was fast developing into a peevish, fretful, fault-finding woman.

"It's her house, that's what done it," said Mrs. Borton to her friend, Mrs. Phipps. "She's making an idol of it. That's what she's doing. I just wish you could see it. Not a speck, not a spot anywhere, but my! what is it going to amount to if she keeps on sacrificing everything to keep it so? She can't get anyone to stay with her long, and if a girl breaks a dish they say she flies into a regular passion. She's that particular she'll

soon have Allen Hildebrand so well trained he'll take off his shoes before he goes in at the front door."

"Ain't it too bad?"

"Perhaps she'll get over it," suggested Mrs. Phipps. "Young people need a lot of disciplining."

"Well," good Mrs. Borton said, "I do hope, for the peace and comfort of all concerned, she'll get over it."

Singularly enough, young Mrs. Hildebrand happened in at Mrs. Phipps' not long after Mrs. Borton had gone.

Mrs. Phipps was a comely, placid woman, with soft, brown eyes and a pleasant smile. Everyone loved her, from the milk boy to the man who emptied the ash pit. Always courteous, considerate and thoughtful, she treated every one after the fashion of the Golden Rule.

"It's such a trial to keep house," young Mrs. Hildebrand was saying. "Things upset me so—they will go wrong."

Mrs. Phipps smiled.

"They always will," she returned gently, "long after you and I have folded our hands in our last sleep. The thing to do is—"

It was Saturday afternoon, and just at that moment Mrs. Phipps' small son opened the door.

"Mother," he said, "Maggie's brought home the clothes and she says may she come in just a moment. She wants to tell you something."

"Why, certainly, my son. You will excuse me, I know, Mrs. Hildebrand."

The next moment a small, care-worn woman entered. There were tears in her eyes.

"What is it, Maggie?" kindly inquired Mrs. Phipps.

"Oh, ma'am, you know your lovely drawnwork centerpiece? Well, I knew how choice you were of it, and I tried to be as careful as I could, but when I was ironing it my little Mary came up behind me with a bottle of ink. I didn't see her and I turned real quick and bumped into her and she dropped the ink and it splattered all over your lovely centerpiece. I tried everything I ever heard of, but I can't get it out."

"Did you bring it, Maggie?"

"Yes; it's with the clothes. I'll get it."

A second later Maggie came back and held it up.

Yes, there it was, the beautiful centerpiece, all bespattered with very black ink.

Mrs. Hildebrand looked at it and wondered what Mrs. Phipps would say.

"If it were mine—well, I should simply go into hysterics," she thought. "I'd discharge the woman and everything else. She was too utterly careless."

"I'll be willing to pay any price you set, ma'am," said Maggie, tearfully. But Mrs. Phipps was as placid as ever.

"You couldn't help it, Maggie," she said, "and don't think another thing about it. I know of a good ink bleach that will make it nearly as good as new. Now, don't worry any more. You've been a faithful worker and I appreciate it. These accidents will happen."

Maggie wiped her eyes.

"Sure and you're a good, kind woman," she cried, "and there's not many like you. The world would be a better place if there was."

And Mrs. Phipps only smiled, but the little washer-woman went away not only with her full week's wages, but a plate full of cookies for the children.

The next moment another small boy came into the room. "Mother," he cried, "Charley's gone and cut a big slit in your tablecloth!"

Mrs. Phipps arose.

"May I come, too?" asked Mrs. Hildebrand.

"Yes, indeed."

So both ladies adjourned to the dining room. There by the beautifully set table, with its glossy cloth, stood a little boy with downcast face.

"I'm awfully sorry, mother," he said; "but the knife slipped while I was slicing an apple and cut the tablecloth."

They both looked at it, Mrs. Phipps and Mrs. Hildebrand. Yes, there it was, a long clean cut that had gone clear through the handsome cloth, leaving the table exposed beneath it.

Mrs. Phipps laid her hand on Charley's head.

"Mother's little boy should have cut the apple on the kitchen table," she said gently. "Never mind, sonny; it can't be helped now, but remember next time."

"I will," humbly returned the little boy.

As the ladies went into the sitting room Mrs. Hildebrand looked curiously into the sweet face. It was as unclouded and tranquil as ever.

"Well," she said, "I imagine it was a good thing for me that I came in here today. I've had a lesson in patience I won't forget. Why, if either of those two things had happened in my house, I'd have flown all to pieces."

Mrs. Phipps smiled.

"I overcame all that years ago," she returned, "by the Grace of God. I used to go all to pieces, too, as you say, until I found a verse in the Bible and lived up to it." And then she repeated softly these words, "'Be careful of nothing' (that means," she said, smiling, "broken dishes, cut tablecloths, ink-bespattered centerpieces and vexations we cannot help), 'but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus'."

Young Mrs. Hildebrand rose suddenly and kissed her friend.

"Thank you," she said humbly. "I'm going home to read it for myself and to turn over a new leaf. Why, I'm beginning to be nothing but a nervous wreck over the subject of good housekeeping—the question of having things just so. But I'm going to stop right now and get back some of my old-time spirits and rosy cheeks. It doesn't pay, all this fretting and fussing. At any rate, I'm going to stop."

"No," replied Mrs. Phipps, "it doesn't pay—this sacrifice of time and comfort and physical health, for the keeping of any house. I'm not decrying good housekeeping—far from it; but there are better things farther on."

And young Mrs. Hildebrand saw the wisdom of the other woman's philosophy and stopped just in time, and all because of her neighbor who was noble and large-hearted enough not to permit the cares of life to sour, embitter and narrow her.—Exchange.

Our Opportunity

The Sustaining Membership Fund

Now is the Time to Enroll

IT is believed that when our Leaguers come to a realization of the fact that the Sustaining Membership quotas are counted upon in making the annual budget of the Luther League of America just as fully as are the dues, and understand that for each dollar the quotas are short our work is handicapped just that much, there will be no necessity to urge our Leaguers to respond to this great need. For a need it really is and a most serious one to the Luther League of America—the welfare of which is a matter of such grave concern to all of us.

The Sustaining Membership Fund is composed of Three Groups, viz:

CLASS I—SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP

For Luther Leaguers and Local, District and State Leagues. \$5.00 or more per year.

CLASS II—CONTRIBUTING MEMBERSHIP

For the Individual Luther Leaguer. \$1.00 per year.

CLASS III—ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP AND GIFT OR MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP

For the former Luther Leaguers and friends of the Luther League who realize the importance of the training of the young people of the Lutheran Church and wish to make this work possible by contributing to this Fund. \$5.00 to \$100 per year. This group also enrolls individuals whom a League desires to honor with a Gift or Memorial Membership of \$5.00 to \$100 per year.

CAMPAIGN TIME IS HERE

Not too late to help us in the campaign for the Luther League Review. Send us your subscriptions. Help to get others.

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INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT

Dear Intermediates:

The Junior Department presented an "eagle's eye" view of its program, activities and plans for the year 1933-34 in last month's issue of the Review. From a review of this detailed and comprehensive material one is impressed with the conviction that the Juniors are "going places." And one of the places they are going is into the Intermediate Luther League. This fact should stir us to action to provide a type of activity for them that will both conserve their loyalty to the Luther League and add thereto in a manner befitting their changing interests and modes of expression.

To this end I am desirous that you first of all keep your organization wide open to welcome the annual pilgrimage of Junior grads into your local Leagues. Make them feel at home among you. Provide work for them to do. Explain to them the program of the Intermediate Luther League. Appoint a representative number of them on committees with experienced Intermediates. As these new recruits show ability let the League show appreciation in their choice to fill positions of responsibility and leadership.

A Three Months Calendar

Below is given a three months "Calendar of Activities," it isn't expected that any one League shall execute all of the projects, but those marked with an asterisk should receive the whole-hearted attention and support of every League. Again in January the Review will publish another calendar for the months of February, March and April, and so on. This arrangement should enable you to plan your work ahead and at the same time bring fresh ideas before you. Any suggestions from you will be appreciated. Here goes for the November, December and January Calendar.

November

* 1. In any given month the chief item of concern is the devotional meeting. This holds true regardless of whether or not you meet weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. Experience has proven that the Leagues that meet weekly get the most out of the devotional meeting and give the best support to the work of the department. Experience also has proven that at the monthly meetings so much is crammed into a few hours with the result that other interests overshadow the devotional. All Leagues should strive to hold weekly devotional meetings if possible.

The theme for November is Leadership. Use of the Quarterly Helps and the Review materials on this vital subject should put us face to face with our opportunities and responsibilities as potential leaders in the League and Church.

* 2. This is the month to order your 1934 supply of Intermediate Quarterly Helps. Each League's slogan should be "A Quarterly Help in the hands of each member."

* 3. November is "game season," so go hunting on a hike into the open spaces, on land or by sea, with a pack of hounds—doggies, so to eat. Appropriate song for the occasion would be "Oh, Bring Back My Bonnie to Me."

* 4. A good month to write essays, too, but only one accepted from each Leaguer. Surprise awards to be given to the twelve Leaguers submitting the twelve best essays. To compete obey the following rules:

a. Essay to contain not less than 500 and not more than 2000 words.

b. Essay to be written in ink or on typewriter.

c. Essay to be accompanied by name, address and League of contestant.

d. Essay to be written on any one of the four books of 1933 Intermediate Reading Course. Said books are:

"Youthful Champions for Jesus," Sandine—\$1.00

"Bob's Hike to the Holy City," Thompson—\$1.00

"Pilgrims Progress," Smith—\$1.50

"Three Arrows—The Young Buffalo Hunter,"

Young—\$1.00

e. Essay to be in this office by January 31, 1934.

December

* 1. Theme for devotional topics is Good Will. Not only does the world need good will—you do too, as also the will to do good. So, give yourself a Christmas gift with the aid of Jesus in the nature of a good will to all men. Are you using the suggested Bible readings and clippings daily as outlined for you in the Quarterly Helps? As Leaguers our biggest and stiffest and best paying project of them all is a study of the Bible daily.

* 2. A study on good will should produce the will to good deeds, so pack up a basket or two of goodies and make some needed families happy. In the baskets put a dolly for the baby. In Boone, N. C., there's a baby being cared for by Miss Cora Jeffcoat. This baby is an orphan, two years old and having blue eyes, ruby cheeks and fat as a dumpling. Take note of this Leagues of North Carolina (others too) and remember her (it's a girl) with appropriate gifts and wearing apparel.

3. A Christmas pageant is in order this month. None better than "Why the Chimes Rang," by Elizabeth McFadden, price 35 cents. Order from the United Lutheran Publication House.

* 4. Hold a Christmas party. Every League should possess a copy of "Handy," price \$2.70. In it are enough ideas for a thousand and one socials, parties, playlets, etc. Initiative, resourcefulness, hard work, 'tis true, but why always ask for canned goods? Order from Luther Press, 429-437 Herr St., Harrisburg, Pa.

5. Sell the New Year's Calendars published by the United Lutheran Publication House.

6. Assist in the Christmas exercises.

* 7. A one hundred per cent project for teen-agers is this: "Place an electric-lighted Christmas tree on the church lawn."

January

* 1. A New Year! New Resolutions! As a feeder to the New Year and the New Resolutions the theme "Choices" lends itself appropriately. Such sub-themes as "Setting My Standards," "Selecting My Friends" and "Choosing My Book Companions" should start out the New Year for you in the right direction.

* 2. This is dues-paying month. All Intermediate Leagues are expected to pay a head fee of 10 cents per member for the year. This money comes through the several State Treasurers to Headquarters. It represents

willingness on the part of each Intermediate to accept a share in the work of the Luther League of America. If you desire to make something of this event write Headquarters for suggestions.

* 3. Time to join the N. R. A. code of the Luther League of America, which is being interpreted "New Recruits Always"; which further interpreted means "Always Recruiting Newcomers," or still more fully "The Get-New-Members-Month." Get me?

* 4. Select leaders for the first quarter and post names in an attractive form on a large cardboard in meeting room. Work the devotional committee to work leaders to work. That's the way to have good meetings.

Plays and Pageants

Recently a sizeable number of requests have been received seeking information on suitable plays and pageants for Intermediates. Admittedly we are not qualified in this field, so in the case of all petitioners for drama material we have referred them to the proper sources from whence "specialists" speak qualifiedly and ably. Thinking that still others may knock at "ye Secretary's table" for similar info, he (that's me) has decided to list herewith for all persons interested such books and materials from which suitable plays, pageants, skits, etc., may be secured at a nominal price. Don't let a dollar or two dampen your ardor in securing one or more of these books, because each book contains enough playlets, dramalets and little pageants to keep you busy for a couple of years.

A Mine of Information: Reference is here made to a pamphlet, "Youth and Dramatics," price 25 cents, purchasable from the Luther League of America. This volume is packed full of ideas on the values of dramatization and its use, and contains a list of plays, etc., for teen-age youth.

"Problem Plays," by Leitia Wood, price \$1.00. A dozen or so 15 minute skits intended to give graphic stress to certain everyday problems confronting youth.

"Bible Dramas," by Wm. F. Manly, price \$2.00. A book compilation of the N. B. C. studio dramatized broadcastings for use by advanced youth dramatists.

"Pageants for Special Days in the Church Year," by Mary M. Russel, price \$1.50. If you want an appropriate Easter pageant this book has it; likewise one for Christmas, Mother's Day and for every special day in the church year.

"Pageants for the Year," by Henrietta Heron, price \$1.50. Similar to the above.

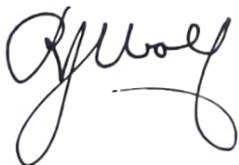
"Dramatized Bible Stories," by Mary M. Russel, price \$1.00. The title tells its own story.

"Catalogue On All Sorts of Plays." Send 10 cents to the Luther League of America and get it.

Now won't you help out here? How? By sending us a copy of plays, pageants, etc., that you used to profit in your home League and which others might use to similar profit. We will mimeograph same, if accepted, and advertise it for distribution.

Hope you are all well and prosperous.

Fraternally,



LOSS THROUGH HOARDING

(Abstract of an address delivered by Rev. F. W. Brandt to the Piedmont District Luther League, prepared at the request of the Resolutions Committee.)

"What shall it profit a man, if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

The subject "smacks" of the times. It is stating a time old truth in present day form. Should we do religious thinking in terms of secularism, and cast words for eternal spiritual values in materialistic form?

One out of seven verses in the New Testament has to do with money or material things and their right use in relation to God. One out of every four verses in the Gospel has to do with material things and their relation to God by the Christian.

Jesus was trying to teach the way of the cross. Obstinacy and stubbornness stood in the way. In plain words Jesus teaches that hoarding material things brings loss in spiritual things.

The Church has been least affected materially by the times. One out of every six banks have failed; one in every twenty-two business houses have closed; one out of every forty-four colleges; one out of every forty-five hospitals has closed; and only one out of every 2,344 churches has failed.

There is a loss to self in hoarding. Shakespeare said: "To thine own self be true, and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." The hoarding person is not true to his own best interests.

Saving one's life in time of persecution by denying Christ is losing one's soul in the next world, as well as in this world. What is there to gain "if we enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season and lose the soul into everlasting torment?"

There is a loss to others in hoarding. Personal loss is loss to others. It affects others, when one sustains a loss. Hoarding of personality brings loss to others.

Smiles that are hoarded are replaced by frowns, resulting in a loss of warmth and good cheer. Hoarding friendship takes the joy out of living. Hoarding service makes one a leech, thinking always of getting and never giving.

There is loss to God in hoarding. True, He owns everything with the exception of the individual's will. A misdirected will results in hoarding, and therefore loss to God.

The Church offers opportunities for eternal investments; sacrificial offerings and loving service. Jesus tells us not to lay up our treasures upon earth, where moth and dust doth corrupt—but lay them up in heaven.

Silas Marner was a miser. His life was miserable until he shared his life with golden curls, instead of the pot of gold. The buried talent was taken from the man, because he had hoarded it.

Too many look to gold instead of God. Luther Leaguers, look to God.

Thanks be to Thee, God,
Wielder of Nations,
Lord everlasting!
For all the joy of life
Winsome and wealthful,
Bairns' love and wife's love,
Heart-trust of comrades,
War-weal and heartgear,
All I have here below
Fared for or gotten.
Dean Stubbs, from the Anglo-Saxon

450th Anniversary==Martin Luther==Born November 10, 1483

LUTHER AND THE HOME

(By Prof. G. M. Bruce, Ph.D., D.D., Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, Minn.)

IT is indeed very fitting that in commemorating the 450th anniversary of the birth of Luther, we should pay some attention to a much overlooked aspect of the life of the great reformer, namely, his home life. Volumes without number have been written on the life and work of Luther, but even the best works on the subject give very little information on Luther in the home. And yet there is no dearth of material, for his own letters and the notes on his table conversations by a number of his students give a wealth of information concerning his private life. Nor was his home life of a merely passing significance. It meant much to him personally, it meant much to his great cause, and it has a deep and permanent meaning, rich in object lessons of the highest order for all Protestant Christians. Said Dr. George L. Prentiss on the occasion of the 400th anniversary celebration of Luther's birth at Union Theological Seminary fifty years ago: "Contrasted with the fierce conflict that then shook the world, and of which the great reformer himself was the central figure, it (his domestic life) presents a picture of household peace and love that is inexpressively attractive. The halo of the Holy Child Jesus encircles it. I do not suppose there was a sweeter Christian home in all the German fatherland than that of Dr. Martin Luther. Within its charmed enclosure the voice of this son of thunder, whose echoes were resounding through all Europe, was gentle as a woman's; here the rough hand of this dauntless assailant of pope and devil became as soft in touch as that of a young maiden."

Luther's Marriage

Luther's entrance into the matrimonial state was not a romantic one on the order of Goethe's "Hermann und Dorothea." On the contrary, it was a very unromantic, matter-of-fact affair. The romance of Luther and his wife came after their marriage instead of before. It was a bold and sudden stroke on the part of Luther, which amazed his friends and associates and caused his enemies to rejoice. It must be borne in mind that Luther was a monk and his bride a nun; they had both solemnly taken the vows of celibacy, and even in the Protestant camp the monastic vow was regarded with considerable reverence. Not even Luther himself could easily cast this vow into the discard. On August 1, 1521 he wrote to Melancthon: "You have not yet convinced me that the same rules must be made for the vows of priests and monks. The thing that especially moves me is that the order of priests was instituted by God as a free order; with the monks that is not the case. They have chosen their estate and made

it an offering to God of their own accord. * * * I have not yet made up my mind." It was not long after, however, before his mind was fully made up. The following November he wrote his treatise on "Monastic Vows," which he dedicates to his father under date of November 21, wherein he repudiates the monastic vow and declares that Christ has absolved him from it, so that he is no longer to be considered a monk. This treatise also reached the monasteries, and monks and nuns fled or were helped to escape from them. Among the escaped nuns was also a young noblewoman by the name of Katherine von Bora. She was freed from the cloister on the night of April 4, 1523, with eleven other nuns, and came to Wittenberg under Luther's protection. He secured a good home for her with one of the most prominent citizens of Wittenberg. Luther not only found homes for these liberated nuns, but helped them to get husbands also. In a letter to Spalatin, dated April 16, 1525, just two months before his own marriage,



Luther writes in reply to Spalatin's suggestion that he marry, that he has no such intentions at all, although he may yet get ahead of Spalatin and other "prospective bridegrooms," who are already engaged. In the same letter he also mentions that he has three nuns under his care, two of whom have already been snatched away by wooers, and the third, undoubtedly Katherine herself, is about to be taken away. Shortly after her arrival at Wittenberg, Katherine had met a young man from Nuremberg by the name of Jerome Baumgaertner, and the two young people, if not formally engaged, nevertheless came to an understanding that he would return to marry her. Jerome, however, failed to keep his promise, and Katherine,

who was really in love with him, grieved herself sick. In a letter to Jerome, introducing a young man who seeks employment, dated October 12, 1524, Luther also takes occasion to write him about Katherine, saying: "If you want your Katie von Bora, you had best act quickly, before she is given to someone else who wants her. She has not yet conquered her love for you. I would gladly see you married to each other." Jerome had changed his mind, and the following January married another girl. In the meantime, Caspar Glatz, a member of the Wittenberg faculty and later pastor at Orlamuende, sought her hand and both Amsdorf and Luther urged her to accept. Nevertheless, Katherine rejected him, declaring that she would marry either Amsdorf or Luther, but never Glatz.

Katherine's suggested may have given Luther an idea to work on which until then had not occurred to him. At any rate, on May 4, 1525, he writes to his

friend, John Ruehel, of Mansfeld: "If I can do it before I die, I will take my Katie to wife to spite the devil, when I hear they are after me." About five weeks later he actually carried out his threat, marrying Katherine von Bora on June 13, 1525, to please his father, spite the devil, vex the pope, honor God's holy ordinance, and obey His command. The wedding was a simple little affair, unannounced, and in the presence of only four friends, not even Melancthon among them. The ceremony was performed by the pastor of the City Church, Dr. John Bugenhagen. Justus Jonas, who was present, wrote the following day to Spalatin: "This letter will come to you, my dear Spalatin, as the bearer of great news. Our Luther has married Katherine von Bora. I was present and was a witness of the marriage yesterday. Seeing that sight I had to give way to my feelings and could not refrain from tears. Now that it has happened and is the will of God, I wish this good and true man and beloved father in the Lord much happiness. God is wonderful in His works and ways. * * * There were present Lucas the painter and his wife, Dr. Apel, and Bugenhagen. Philip was not there." On June 27, Luther and his bride celebrated their marriage feast in the presence of his father and mother and a number of intimate friends and associates. Among the happiest of the guests on that occasion was Melancthon, who was so shocked at the boldness and suddenness of Luther's venture and so peeved because he was excluded from the intimate circle which witnessed the wedding that he wrote a remarkably confused letter to his friend Camerarius, denouncing and justifying the marriage at the same time. The two happiest people present were Luther's own parents.

The Significance of Luther's Marriage

Luther was forty-two years at the time of his marriage. Under the strain and the stress of his gigantic task to which he devoted himself with all his energy and time, he greatly neglected the care of his own body and brought upon himself physical ailments from which he suffered the rest of his life. For instance, he tells us that for a whole year prior to his marriage, he slept in a bed which was neither made up nor its straw changed. "I worked all day," he says, "and was so tired at night that I fell into bed without knowing that anything was amiss." His marriage gave him a faithful and devoted wife to care for him both physically and spiritually and surround him with the joys and comforts of a well-regulated home life. Katherine was a God-send to both Luther and the cause of the Reformation and made a far greater contribution to the success of that great movement than she has ever been given credit for. She was intelligent and pious, energetic and capable, thrifty and economical, a splendid home-maker and a sympathetic companion. She comforted him in his distresses and encouraged him in his endeavors. That she even took a keen interest in the theological questions at issue is evident from the letters he wrote her when he was away for the settlement of disputes or conferring with theologians. To mention just one instance. At the conclusion of the Marburg Conference with Zwingli and other Swiss theologians in 1529, he wrote her about the results of the conference and the points at issue, and instructs her to tell Bugenhagen "that Zwingli's best argument was that a body cannot exist without occupying space, and, therefore, Christ's

body is not in the bread, and that Oecolampadius' best argument was that the sacrament is only the sign of Christ's body." In conserving his energies, sustaining his spirit, keeping him fit for work, enlarging his outlook on life, broadening his sympathies, and making his remaining years so richly productive in the promotion of evangelical Christianity, his home life and the ministrations of his "Kathie" were factors of immeasurable significance.

But great as were the immediate influences of the home life on Luther and his work, the remote influences are still greater. As Dr. Philip Schaff well says: "The domestic life of Luther has far more than a private biographical interest. It is one of the factors of modern civilization. Without Luther's reformation, clerical celibacy with all its risks and evil consequences would still be the universal law in all western churches. * * * Viewed simply as a husband and father, and as one of the founders of the clerical family, Luther deserves to be honored and esteemed as one of the greatest benefactors of mankind." Fifty years ago, Dr. Theodore L. Cuyler at the 400th anniversary celebration of Luther's birth at Princeton University said: "The bravest thing that Luther ever did after his defiance of the Papacy, was his marriage to the fugitive nun, Katherine von Bora. * * * Without this practical protest against the abominable doctrine of celibacy, he would have left his life-work incomplete." Luther wrote and preached a great deal about marriage and celibacy before his own marriage and what he wrote and said exerted a tremendous influence on the current views of marriage, but nothing that he could have done or said could so effectively have proved his faith in the truths he set forth as the signet with which he sealed those truths when he himself entered the holy state of matrimony and established, as the very leader of that great religious movement, not only a truly Christian home but a Christian manse in the fullest sense of the term. Otto Fleiderer calls him the "founder of the Protestant minister's home" and the "creator of the Protestant morality."



Luther's Home

The Augustinian cloister known as the Black Cloister, the cornerstone of which was laid in 1507, and which had been Luther's abode as monk and professor since he came to Wittenberg, became the home of the newly wedded couple. This large three-story building is still to be seen in Wittenberg, and is now used as a

Luther museum. It is a repository of valuable authentic Luther collections, especially the writings of Luther and his contemporaries, both friend and foe. Four years ago it was my pleasure to visit this house in which the former monk and nun, who cast off the habits of their respective orders and sealed their new faith and the pledge of wedded troth that memorable June evening of long ago, had lived, loved, and labored and given to the world a new ideal of Christian family life. As I moved from room to room where they labored, slept, cradled their six children, reared the children of relatives, entertained their friends and visitors, gathered about the family altar, sat with students and guests at the long table, where Mrs. Luther's tasty and nourishing food and Dr. Luther's learning, versatility, serious reflections, witty remarks, and bantering humor furnished the bill of fare, or where they shared with each other the deep sorrow of losing their little Elsa and their sweet and loving fourteen-year-old Lenchen, I was filled with a deep reverence for the walls which had sheltered these rich and blessed lives and meted out to them some measure of retirement, security and comfort.

Luther as a Husband

That Luther had the deepest respect for womanhood is evidenced by his own writings as well as the testimonies of those who knew him best. Mathesius, one of his students and for some time a boarder at his table, speaks of him as an exemplary husband and one who treated women and maidens with the utmost respect. He quotes him as saying on one occasion: "Whoever speaks of women, maidens, government, and the priesthood in an evil and filthy manner is unworthy of any respect." In his familiar letters to his intimate friends he speaks in the tenderest and choicest manner of wifehood and motherhood, and solicits the prayers of these friends for his wife when she was an expectant mother. It is interesting to note how his natural brusqueness and often fiery temper melt into the most affectionate tenderness and solicitude for his Kathie. In his letters, and he was a good letter-writer to his wife when away from home, always a good trait in a husband, he has many pet names for her, calling her his lord, his chain, his rib, the learned doctor, often saluting her with a long list of titles. He used great variety in signing his letters, calling himself her "beloved lord," "obedient servant," "old lover," but generally he signed himself simply "Martin Luther." In one of his last letters to her, written from Eisleben shortly before his death, he signs himself, "Martin Luther, your old lover." They all breathe a tender affection, deep respect, and solicitous concern for her. In the letter to which reference has just been made, he says, after saluting her with a number of titles, "Grace and peace in Christ and my old poor (and as I am aware) weak love to you." But let Mrs. Luther herself tell us what she thought of her husband. In a letter written to her sister shortly after her husband's death, she says, "I can easily believe you have hearty sympathy with me and my poor children. Who would not be sorrowful and mourn for so noble a man as was my dear lord, who much served not only one city or a single land, but the whole world? Truly, I am so distressed that I cannot tell my great sorrow to any one, and hardly know what to think or how to feel. I can-

not eat nor drink, neither can I sleep. If I had had a principality and an empire, it would never have cost me so much pain to lose them as I have now that our Lord God has taken from me, and not from me only, but from the whole world, this dear and precious man."

Luther as a Father

Luther was a lover of children and a keen observer of child life. This is evidenced both by his letters and table talks, as well as by his sermons and treatises. "One of the most striking traits of Luther's character," says Dr. Prentiss at Union Theological Seminary fifty years ago, "was his sympathy with childhood. In the quality and power of this sympathy he stood alone among all the reformers. And herein, no doubt, lay one secret of his mighty influence over the common people of Germany." Naturally, this quality in the man reached its highest development and found its fullest expression in his home life and in association with his own children. When his first-born, Hans, arrived and he experienced the first thrills of fatherhood, he wrote to Spalatin, "I am a happy husband, and may God continue to send me happiness, for from the most precious woman, my best of wives, I have received, by the blessing of God, a little son, John Luther, and, by God's wonderful grace, I have become a father." Seven months later he writes the same friend, "My little Hans sends greetings. He is teething now and is beginning to say 'Daddy,' and scold everybody with pleasant insults. Katie also wishes you everything good, especially a little Spalatin to teach you what she declares her little Hans has taught her, namely the fruit and joy of marriage, of which the pope and all his world was not worthy." Here it is the sweet joy of parenthood according to God's own ordinance to which he gives expression. As a father he had much of that joy and often gave expression to it, but he did not escape the heartrending grief that also may come to parents, when their dear ones are taken away from them. Two of his children died in his home, one, Elizabeth, as an infant, and the other, Magdalena, who died at the age of fourteen. On both of these occasions we get glimpses into the very depth of his father-heart. Writing to his friend, Nicholas Hausmann, after death had made its first visit to his home, he says: "My little daughter Elizabeth is dead. It is marvelous how sick at heart, how womanish it has left me, so much do I grieve for her. I would never have believed that a father's heart could be so tender for his child." To Magdalena he was deeply attached. She was his dearest daughter, his own Lenchen. "I loved her not only because she was my flesh, but for her placid and gentle spirit and her dutifulness to me. But now I rejoice that she is sleeping sweetly in her Heavenly Father's home till that day. * * * My Katie greets you, although she often breathes a sigh over the memory of her beloved and obedient daughter." Thus he wrote to one friend after her departure. To another he wrote: "Although my wife and I ought to rejoice on account of her happy end, still the tenderness of the father's heart is so great that we cannot think of it without sobs and sighs which tear assunder the heart."

The other four children survived the father. Hans became a lawyer and government official. Martin studied theology and would have entered the ministry but

for poor health. Paul became a prominent physician, and his only surviving daughter, Margaret, became the wife of a nobleman by the name of George von Kunheim. They reflected throughout life the training and influences of the home in which they had been brought up. Two of them, his sons Martin and Paul, were present at Eisleben and witnessed the victorious end of an active and blessed life in Home, State and Church.

—NATIONAL LUTHERAN COUNCIL

THE GREATNESS OF A GREAT LOSER

Even when the struggle with evil is unsuccessful, if the combat is waged with courage and determination, the principle still holds. An otherwise unrealizable good is achieved. A football game for the State championship in Ohio during my college days always recurs to my memory when I think of this truth. On one of the teams there was a diminutive quarterback, the smallest man I have ever seen on a first-class team. And no quarterback ever had more to do. His own line could not hold the attack of the opposition and the game was replete with runs by the opposing backs in a broken field. And all through that entire afternoon of play, whenever the quarterback was the only player between the opposing runner and the goal, this slight individual never failed to get his man. When he returned to the attack he ran his team with dash and nerve even though the score was piling up against him. His team lost the game, but at its close his fellow-players carried him off the field on their shoulders. He too had lost, but he had lost greatly. From defeat he had brought forth a glory of courage and fortitude which victory would hardly have disclosed. The greatness of a great loser is all his own. Suffering in defeat seems to be the dark room in which alone the ultimate unconquerable dignity of the human spirit is revealed.—Justin W. Nixon in "An Emerging Christian Faith," Harper & Brothers.

HOLIDAY WORK

Up among the Thirty Thousand Islands of the Georgian Bay a little group of friends gather for their holidays year after year. Each family has its own little island and its own plans for summer joys, and it is interesting to see that these plans all involve good hard work with their own hands. The eminent King's Counsel carries heaps of stone to build a fireplace, the theological professor and wife build their own cottage, the skilful surgeon delights in laying cement sidewalks, the school teacher may be seen with an axe splitting firewood, the church secretary, after dealing all year with churches and committees, delights in a hammer and nails and things that "stay put," the editor builds a wharf that would accommodate an ocean liner, and a university official with his own hands and those of his family erects a fireplace that would roast an ox. They, one and all, will tell you they are looking forward to a summer when the work will all be done and life be a continuous picnic, and they will then tell you—of the next bit of work they are planning to do. The fact is that this work with the hands is itself a rest and a satisfaction and a happy part of the holiday, and that is why it will never be quite finished—W. T. Gunn in "Homely Homilies," Richard R. Smith, Inc.

In Memoriam

MRS. MINNIE L. PETERSON

Member of Executive Committee

Luther League of America



*"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.*

*The pains of death are past,
Labour and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last,
Thy soul is found in peace."*

James Montgomery

AS members of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America recognize the will of our Divine Lord in the removal from our temporary midst, of Minnie L. Peterson, therefore we seek comfort in the words of the blessed Apostle that we are not to sorrow for those who rest in God; knowing that our earthly loss is their heavenly gain in Christ Jesus.

We hold in grateful memory the late Minnie L. Peterson, wife of Samuel T. Peterson, Chicago, Ill., who went to be with her Lord, September 18, 1933. For many years she was a faithful worker in the Luther League of America and always possessed a keen interest in the youth of the church. Mrs. Peterson rendered valuable assistance to the Luther League of America as a member of the Executive Committee.

The Luther League extends to her husband and mother its deepest sympathy in their bereavement.



THE JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

"Take care of the Juniors and the Senior League will take care of itself"



Dear Leaguers:

We are talking about

Leadership

this month. Do you realize that you have a great opportunity in taking the leadership of a Junior League?

Leaders are not just "found"—they are **developed**.

The surest way to develop leaders is through the Junior League. We must begin with the children.

Do you need trained Leaguers who will be able to pray, discuss the topics, plan programs, lead meetings? **Train the Juniors to do these things!**

Do you need workers in your District or State League—officers, Educational, Missionary, Life Service Secretaries, etc.? **Organize the Juniors into a District organization, hold rallies, and there train them.**

Is there a dearth of leaders in your own congregation—a need for more workers in the Bible School—choir—organizations? **Train these Juniors—they are the future church councilmen, Bible School teachers, leaders in Women's Missionary Society, Brotherhood, etc.**

Do you hope to send out a missionary from your church—or—perchance a deaconess—or a pastor? **Begin now by training the Juniors.**

Senior Leaguers, invest your talents in leading a group of Juniors—organizing a group of Little Leaguers—or helping with the work of the Junior League.

Write to Headquarters for a free Organization Packet. The Junior topics are found each month in the Luther League Review. The Junior Program Packet (40 cents), containing Junior Topics Booklets, gives additional material on the topics. The Junior Twelve Point Program, included in the Organization Packet, gives the outline for the year's work. Get together the children of twelve and under in the Bible School, appoint officers, use the Junior topics, plan your activities around the Twelve Point Program, and you have a Junior Luther League.

Leadership Training Books

Every leader needs tools. Here are some of the books that will help the leader:

The Junior—Chave
A Study of the Junior Child—Whitley
How Shall I Learn to Teach Religion?—Carrier
Junior Method In the Church School—Powell
Missionary Education of Juniors—Hutton
Teaching Without Textbooks—Danielson-Perkins
Training Juniors In Worship—Jones
Pictures In Religious Education—Beard
How to Tell Stories to Children—Bryant

Use the Bible as your foundation. Get ideas from the "Parish School"—our Church School magazine. Use the ideas from month to month in the Luther League Review. Study the October (Junior) Review. Get a set of the Luther League Junior Leaflets (\$1.50) and start a Junior Worker's Handbook, putting into it additional material from time to time.

The Junior Program

Each month the Juniors have some special work:

September
Study topics on Luther League
Start fall activities—Twelve Point Program
Organize a Little Leaguers group

District rally and organization
Contribution to Japan objective

October

Study topics on "Winning Others"

Class on "Martin of Mansfeld"

Junior Month—new members, new Junior Leagues

November

Study topics on "Leadership"

November 18—Nation Wide Junior Rally Day"

Thanksgiving activities

Have you planned this work? Catch up on your schedule!

Nation Wide Junior Rally Day

Once a year the Juniors, all through the Luther League of America, hold a "Nation-Wide Rally Day" when they rally together at the same time.

This past year the date was November 5 and the theme suggested was "The Luther League." We have only space to list some that were held and the general plan when the Luther League was not used:

Lancaster District—Puerto Rico
Philadelphia District—Missionary
Long Island, N. Y., District—Thanksgiving
Southern District, New Jersey, held at Gloucester
Brooklyn, N. Y., District—Thanksgiving
Canada Juniors at Hespeler—The Bible
Pittsburgh District Juniors—Pageant on Evangelism
Northeastern (Pa.) District—Program in connection with District convention
Erie District
Texas Juniors—Inez, Schroeder, Victoria
New York City Juniors—in Advent Church—Thankfulness
Allentown District Juniors—Japan
Baltimore District Juniors—Banquet
Central Conference, Ohio, Juniors, Akron—in connection with State Junior Institute
Berks (Pa.) District—Luther League program—350 present

This year the date is **November 18**. Mark it with a red circle and plan to attend the one nearest to you. See what the Juniors can do. The theme will be "The Reading Course." A program has been prepared that will help in the use of the books. Do not miss this.

The program this year is based on the Reading Course, and a mimeographed pamphlet, "What Shall I Read?," containing (1) a program for a meeting on Nation Wide Junior Rally Day, (2) hints on the use of the Reading Course books, and (3) selected lists of children's books, can be obtained for 15 cents from Headquarters. Do not fail to get this.

Start the Reading Course now—get the books one at a time, if it is not possible to purchase the four books at once.

We observe "Children's Book Week" in November, and the theme for this week is "Growing Up With Books." Adapt this to your League program. Have a public program on books as suggested in the pamphlet, have the Juniors make posters concerning books, help them in their reading, build up a Junior library.

THANKSGIVING PLANS

Plan for a special Thanksgiving program and some Thanksgiving good cheer for others.

Get the Junior Topics Booklet, "Thanksgiving In the Junior League" (5 cents), and use the plans and hints for Thanksgiving meetings.

For handwork:

Pilgrim Village Cut Out—50 cents
Pilgrim Built Up Panel Posters—50 cents
Pilgrim Pictures to Cut Out, Color and Paste—50 cents

Let the Juniors give a program for some shut-ins, send gifts to an orphan home or hospital, or food and gifts to some needy folks.

STATE CONVENTIONS

The Juniors have been much in evidence at the State conventions. We are receiving report after report of the work they did there this summer. We have space for only a few:

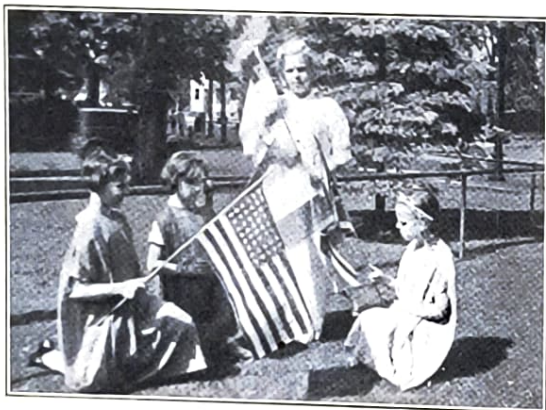
New York

At the convention of the Luther League of the Synod of New York the Juniors did their share.

There was a Worker's Conference, when problems of the work with the Juniors were discussed and plans made for the winter's work.

A fine exhibit showed what the Juniors all over the state have been doing. A Tree of Knowledge, with miniature books, advertised the Junior Reading Course, and this was surrounded by posters of all sorts advertising the books of the present and past Courses. There were scrap books on China, the Life of Christ, Japan, the American Indian, Luther, and the Children of the Bible. There was a Chinese Village, Indian moccasins, dress and papoose cradle, a spool doll, a Christmas Story Cut Out, and Bible A B C blocks made by the "Little Leaguers." There was Soap Sculpture—a Chinese lantern, and a drum, torch, horse and camel to illustrate stories from the book "Two Young Arabs"—all cut from soap.

There was a Junior session, when awards were made; an essay on "Ling Yang," the book on China studied by the Juniors, read; the salutes to the American and Christian flags given; and a pageant "The Flag That Flies Over All" presented. The Juniors then helped in the preparation for the Junior Luncheon.



Redeemer, Buffalo, N. Y., Juniors at State Convention, in Pageant "The Flag That Flies Over All"

For the Junior Luncheon, small pennants in Luther League colors were pasted to toothpicks. These had "Jr. L. L." printed on them. The base was a square of soap. Larger ones were placed at the head table. Bunnies cut from Kirkman's brown laundry soap, with blue ribbons around their necks, were also placed there.

Awards were made as follows: Trinity, Rochester, for essay contest; Hollis, Long Island, for poster work; Redeemer, Buffalo, for scrap book work; St. Andrew's, Brooklyn, for soap sculpture work; and St. Paul's, Johnstown, for their Christmas scene.

The State Secretary in New York during the past year sent a bulletin regularly each month to the local superintendents and the work was thus promoted. Thanks to you, New York Juniors, for your good work.

Indiana

A most inspiring program, informal and typical of the work done by the Juniors themselves in their regular meetings, was given at the convention of the Luther League of Indiana. It was the privilege of the Junior Secretary to attend this convention.

The regular worship period on the second day of the convention was in charge of the Juniors. Two Juniors presided. A Scripture Lesson was read by a Junior, two hymns sung, a prayer given, and a talk on the importance of the child given.

This was followed by the State Secretary's report, which showed increased interest and activity among the Juniors and concluded with a plea for still more work among the Juniors.

Following this a program on Japan was given by the Juniors of Trinity, Muncie. There was a welcome to Japan, by a "Little Leaguer" in Japanese costume. A prayer for the children of Japan

was given by a Junior. A recitation by another "Little Leaguer" was well received. This was followed by twelve little boys and girls in Japanese attire, with posters typical of each month, giving an exercise, "Leaves From a Japanese Calendar."

Textbooks, poster material, a Japanese Calendar, a Japanese village, flags, and other handwork made by the Juniors while studying Japan were then explained.

Mrs. Norma Gribler, State Junior Secretary, next spoke on "Handwork." She discussed and exhibited some posters, patterns and color work made by the "Little Leaguers" to illustrate their work. A homemade movie made by the Juniors of Gethsemane, Indianapolis, Juniors was exhibited, and a reel of Luther pictures shown and explained by one of their Juniors. Soap carvings of another form of handwork was explained and various objects cut from soap to illustrate the Junior topics were shown. A beautiful replica of the Easter Story, made by the Juniors of Gethsemane, Indianapolis, was exhibited. (Incidentally, this piece won first prize in our National Soap Sculpture Contest.) The tomb was carved stone by stone from brown soap, a palm tree cut from green Palm Olive Soap, the angel inside the tomb of white soap, and the women fleeing from the tomb had their garments colored bright purples, reds and blues, made a beautiful piece of work.



Charles Gribler, at Indiana Convention, Demonstrating "The Life of Martin Luther"

Next, a unit of study on the Church was presented. The Junior Topics Booklet, "Our Church," was explained, plans given for teaching the children about the Church, and the Juniors of Trinity, Muncie, closed this part of the program with the exercise, "How Can I Give More to the Church?"

Other subjects which the Juniors are studying—Luther, The Holy Land, Christmas, Thanksgiving, Prayer, The Life of Christ, etc., were briefly reviewed, and the awards were then made.

The presentation closed with an earnest plea from the State President showing the importance of the work, and urging more Junior Leagues during the next year.

Perhaps you can have a similar presentation at your convention.

AT THE MIDWEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

Rev. J. S. Albert, President of the Indiana Synodical League, presented Junior work at the conference and much interest was shown.

A conference was conducted, many questions were asked and pamphlets distributed. There was an exhibit of handwork which created interest. The interest will lead to increased activity in the Junior Department.

We thank Rev. Albert for the fine service rendered.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania had more Junior work at their convention this year, held in historic old Christ Church, York, Pa., than ever before—and Pennsylvania always has its share in full!

Almost every report credited the Juniors with "going over the top," and Mrs. Ralph G. Swavelly, the State Junior Secretary, in her report, showed the best year in the history of Pennsylvania's Juniors.

Here are a few items from her report:



Miriam Swavelly
Penna.'s Junior Secretary

211 Junior Leagues, with a membership of 6,593 members, were reported, an increase of 45 Leagues and 710 members during the year. The Juniors contributed to local work \$1,769.48 and to benevolence \$1,071.83, an increase of over a thousand dollars for the year.

Two State Junior Institutes were held, "Nation Wide Rally Day" observed generally, 26 Gold Star Leagues, activities of all sorts carried on by the Juniors for their own church and for inner, home and foreign missions.

A quota of \$250 for the Japan Objective was assigned them and their contributions now total \$306.37. Puerto Rico was also helped during the year. The "Good Neighbor Club" is helped by the Pennsylvania Juniors. The recommendations urged continued support of the Department on the part of the Seniors.

There was a fine exhibit of work done by the Juniors. A project was worked out in each District, each group studying some particular country. The results of half a year's study were seen in the handwork done.

Pittsburgh District had a display on India. Panel posters and scrap books showing life in India and our mission work there.

Altoona District had a most attractive display. Their subject was Alaska, pictured with an Alaskan village and Alaskan Life pictures colored by the "Little Leaguers," Alaskan panel posters and small igloos as souvenirs. For good measure they also made a Hindu village, an American Indian village and Japanese window transparencies.

Berks District presented Japan in a display gaily set off with Japanese lanterns. Japanese panel posters, a Japanese village, maps, scrapbooks, posters, Japan Picture Stories, the prize Japanese scrapbook and a Japanese doll which it won, these were a few of the things in the exhibit. In addition, a nursery clothes tree, candle sticks, toy animals, and other wooden articles made by one of the Junior Leagues in the District were shown.

Harrisburg District studied Africa, and their display consisted of a number of attractive scrap books made in the shape of the map of Africa.

Philadelphia District pictured South America with a large picture map of South America, a South America scrap book, and a picture, "The Christ of the Andes."

Lancaster District's project was "Rural Life Around the World." A fine display was the result of their study. Animals found on the farm cut from story books, travel bureau circulars showing farmers of other lands, picture studies of the children of other lands, strange homes of people of other nations, a list of Health agencies, showing what we owe to the farmer, pictures of all sorts gleaned from many and various sources showing the work of the farmer round the world, a set of Farm Life Panel Posters, a model farm, complete with barns, stock, etc., and a fine scrap book containing over four hundred pictures were part of this exhibit. The study was based on the book, "The World On a Farm."

York District also studied farm life, and their contribution to the project was a number of fine scrap books.

A Junior luncheon was held in Union Church, when greetings were brought by officials, with favors made by the Philadelphia, Lancaster and York District Juniors, and when awards for work were presented as follows:

In the Japan Poster Contest for the twelve best posters on Japan, two awards went to Pennsylvania Juniors—a Luther League pin to the Juniors of St. James', Jewett, Ohio, and a gold cross to Grace, Red Lion.

In the National Soap Sculpture Contest one award went to the Juniors of Fourth, Altoona—a Luther League pin.

In the Reading Course Contest a set of books of the new Reading Course for the best record went to the Juniors of the Altoona District.

The prize for the best essay on the books of last year's course was awarded to the Juniors of the Orphans' Home, at Zelenople.

An award for one of the winning set of posters on the books went to the Junior League of St. John's, St. Johns.

We congratulate these Juniors on their prize winning work.

In the program itself, the work of the three departments—Senior, Intermediate and Junior, were correlated. There were presentations of the Educational, Missionary and Life Service Departments, and in each of these the Juniors and Intermediates had a share. Instead of separate Junior and Intermediate sessions, apart from the convention, the younger members helped at each session, and the result was most satisfying.

The Educational Department was in charge of Mr. Luther Lang, Vice-President, and this presentation was given:

Aims of the Educational Department—Mr. Lang
How to Use the Topics—
Senior—Miss Mary Boeckel—Topic: "Our Church"
Remarks—Dr. Harry
Intermediate—Rev. Steigerwalt
Junior—Mrs. Swavely
Musical Number—by a Junior
Mrs. Swavely told how to conduct a Junior meeting, and how to make the best use of the Junior Topics Booklets. The various phases of religious education given in these Booklets were explained. The little Junior with her musical number, illustrated the use of music in the Junior program.

The 1934 Topics—

Junior—Sketch—Red Lion Juniors
Intermediates—12 Intermediates
Seniors—12 Seniors

The Red Lion Juniors gave a little sketch showing one Junior urging another to go to Junior League because the Topics were so interesting.

This was followed by twelve Juniors appearing in turn with a placard giving the names of the Topics month by month.

Twelve Intermediates followed with twelve placards giving the twelve Intermediate subjects, after which twelve Seniors appeared with the twelve placards giving the titles of their topics. Standing in three rows, it is soon discovered that the topic themes in all three departments are all the same.

The Reading Courses—

How to Use One List of Books—Mr. Lang

Junior—Sketch—Red Lion Juniors

The Juniors of Red Lion gave a sketch telling of the new Course for 1934, and something about each book.

The Intermediate Sixteen Point Program—

Sketch by Intermediates

Award of Intermediate Certificates

Daily Bible Reading

Senior—How To Promote—Harrisburg Leaguer

Junior—Sketch—Christ, York, Juniors

The Juniors of Christ, York, in their sketch, showed that to insure the Juniors reading their Bibles daily it must be made interesting, and the various bits of handwork which can be made to familiarize the Juniors with the Bible were shown—Panel Posters, Bible Bookcases, Bookmarks, Stories, Alphabets, Attendance Devices.

The Missionary Department was presented by Miss Hazel Nannah, Missionary Secretary, as follows:

The Missionary Topics—

Senior—How To Get Missionary Helps—Miss Weaver

Intermediate—How To Use the Intermediate Missionary Topics—Rev. Steigerwalt

Junior—How We Use the Missionary Topics—York Junior

The little Junior told of the use of the Light Brigade Topics and how they were presented in her League, and urged that the missionary meetings be made interesting.

Mission Study—

Senior—"Indian Americans"—How To Use—Miss Kornman

Junior—How We Studied China-American Indian—

Juniors from St. Stephen's, Lancaster

How We Studied the American Indian—

St. Stephen's, Lancaster, Junior

A Junior told of the study of "Ling Yang," the book on China, told of the various material used with this book, of Picture Maps of China, Paper Dolls, Chinese Painting Book and other hand work made. Stories taken from this book and "The Blue Highway" were dramatized and pictures gathered to illustrate the stories. Following this, two fine dramatizations of two of the stories were given by Juniors from St. Stephen's, Lancaster, in Chinese costume. Two episodes in the life of the little Chinese boy were given.

Another Junior in American Indian costume told of the study of the book, "Many Moons Ago and Now."

1934 Mission Study Books—

Senior—"Builders of a New World" (Review)—by Senior

Intermediate—Review of Intermediate Book—

Rev. Steigerwalt

Junior—The New Junior Books—Christ, York, Junior

The Junior presentation included a review of the two new books "Young America Makes Friends" and "In the African Bush."

Missionary Giving—

Giving of Talents, Influence, etc.—Miss Nannah

Missionary Objective—

Intermediate—Playlet—Dallastown Intermediates

Junior—Sketch—Alsace, Reading, Juniors

How the Juniors Reached Their Goal—

Mrs. Swavely

Ten little Leaguers from Reading gave a very clever musical sketch entitled "A Box of Dolls From Japan." They were dressed in Japanese kimonos and cleverly presented their sketch.

Mrs. Swavely told of the Juniors of Pennsylvania over-subscribing their quota for the Japan Objective and of an anonymous letter from a Junior containing eight dollars toward the Objective.

Missionary Service—

Intermediate—Sketch on Serving—Intermediates

Senior—Box Work—Mechanicsburg Senior

Junior—Puerto Rico-Japan—York Juniors

Two Juniors gave a sketch "Thanks for the Training School," showing an American Junior and a Puerto Rican Junior, the latter thanking us for the Monte Flores Training School.

"A Christmas Tree In July" was cleverly given in pantomime by a number of Christ, York, "Little Leaguers." A Christmas tree was placed upon a table, a number of little ones came in and piled gifts on the tree, after which they retired, while a number of Japanese children came in, discovered the gifts, opened them, after which they were joined by the American children and hand in hand they danced around the Christmas tree, singing "Jesus Loves Me."

Closing—Senior—Our Seven Point Missionary Program—

Miss Nannah

The Life Service Program was in charge of Miss Jenny Bonde, Life Service Secretary:

Senior—Life Service—Its Meaning—Miss Bonde

The Challenge of the Ministry—Rev. Carl Simon

A Day With a Deaconess—Sister Anna Ebert

Intermediate—Pageant—"Follow the Glean"—Intermediates

Life Service With the Intermediates—

Rev. Steigerwalt

Junior—Life Service Stories and Hymns—Dallastown Juniors

The Juniors and Life Service—Miss Mehlhouse

Greetings from Rev. Chester Simonton, Life Service Secretary, Luther League of America

The Juniors told the stories of Gideon and Abraham and his willingness to sacrifice Isaac. Their solos "Take My Life and Let It Be" and "Lovest These" were most appropriate.

The whole presentation showed the unity of the three departments in carrying out the program of the League.

What are you doing for the Junior Department at your State convention?

PLANS IN OTHER STATES

Some of the conventions are still to be held when this is written, some have not yet reported. Here is some of the work of which we have heard:

Ohio Juniors took as their theme for their handwork—China—and they had a fine exhibit of Chinese material at Lakeside. A period on the Junior Department was given before the convention of the League, and a conference for workers brought out good numbers to discuss plans for the coming year.

Texas Juniors had a fine display of handwork at the State convention—posters, booklets on the church, scrapbooks, soap carving, etc.

MARYLAND

The Juniors shared in the convention program at Frederick over the Labor Day week end.

They gave an inspirational program, following the convention theme, "Beautiful Masterpieces of the Master," based on famous pictures:

"Fellowship With the Boy Jesus"
Solo: "O Jesus, Once a Nazareth Boy"
Poem: "In Galilee"
Picture: "Childhood of Jesus"
Scripture: Luke 2:33, 39, 40
Picture: "Jesus In the Temple"
Scripture: Luke 2: 41, 42, 46
Picture: "Home At Nazareth"
Scripture: Luke 2:57
Story: "The Childhood of Jesus"

Middle District Juniors participated in this program, and following the same they gave a study of the picture, "Christ Blessing the Children."

There was a conference for Junior workers, when practical work was discussed, the Junior superintendents reading:

How do you open your meetings? Close same?
What special features do you use?
How do you use the topics? The Reading Course?
How can you best use the Twelve Point Program, etc.?

Pennsylvania's Junior Secretary, Mrs. Ralph G. Swavelly, was a fraternal delegate, and she brought an inspirational message for the Junior Department.

NEW JERSEY

New Jersey Juniors followed their convention theme—"Adventuring With Christ"—and gave a period on "Junior League Adventures" under the direction of the State Secretary, Miss Helen Wenzel. A Junior presided and the aims of the Junior Department were presented:

Hymn: "I Think When I Read That Sweet Story"
Scripture: Matthew 18:1-6
Prayer
The Twelve Point Program—an exercise—New Brunswick Juniors
Story: The Boy Who Shared His Lunch
Talk: On Plans of Junior League—Miss Wenzel
Junior Rally Hymn
Prayer and Benediction

Awards to the Honor Leagues were made, and these Juniors were presented with books for the best work in the National Junior Contests:

Soap Culture Contest:
Bible—Dorothy Randolph, Trinity, Runnemede
Bible—Holy Trinity, Camden
Bible and Cross—John Vaughan, Temple, North Merchantville

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Water Jug and Bible—Eleanor Guenther, Trinity, Runnemede
Angel—Holy Trinity, Camden
Cross—Anna Guenther, Trinity, Runnemede
Bible—Holy Trinity, Camden
Cross—Holy Trinity, Camden

Reading Course:

Essay—Robert Koenig, Temple, North Merchantville
Posters—Russell Mitchell, Janelle Dull, Paul Jurgens, all of Temple, North Merchantville
Keep up your good work, New Jersey!

NEBRASKA

Like the Enchanted Isle at the Century of Progress, which was planned for the children but positively overrun with adults, Thelma Wenk's (Nebraska's Junior Secretary) Junior Luther League program for the Hastings convention was so tempting that it was probably as great a thrill to the grown-ups as to the youngsters themselves.

The Juniors had a miniature convention of their own, and the entire convention was invited. The theme was "The American Indian," and there were exhibits and a program.

The exhibit was the largest Nebraska Juniors have ever had—material made by the Juniors while studying the American Indian—textbook, villages, posters, Indian wigwams, scrapbooks, work from the Rocky Boy Indian Mission, and many curios.

Creston Juniors received first award for their work in this project—in making this handwork from materials at hand. Kountze Memorial, Omaha, received second award, and Fremont Juniors, third.

Creston Juniors received a Gold Star certificate for accomplishing all twelve points on the Junior program, and Fremont received a Red Star certificate for accomplishing nine.

The program is still to be reported.

MICHIGAN SYNOD

The Michigan Synod Juniors in their convention at Syracuse reported much work during the year. There were two new Junior Leagues admitted, there was a workers' conference in charge of Miss Dorothy Tweedle, and a large exhibit.

The Junior Secretary in her report gave these items:

The Junior Leagues have held regular devotional meetings, usually one a week. All are using the material published for the Junior Department. Two Leagues combine Light Brigade and Junior League material. Two of our Leagues are members of the Good Neighbor Club, St. Paul's, Middlebury, and St. Mark's Uniondale, Ind. Three have active Little Leaguers groups. Most of the Leagues observed Junior Japan Day, and Nation Wide Junior Rally Day and splendid meetings were held on Mother's Day and Easter. Two Leagues held a White Gifts Christmas and a box was sent to Oesterlen Home, and gifts to a local hospital. One League sent money toward a picture for its adopted League in Puerto Rico, and another sent scrapbooks to South America. Juniors helped in filling and distributing baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. One League mounted pictures of Jesus and sent them to the Lutheran Hebrew Center in Baltimore. These Leagues have accomplished much. Juniors can and do do big things. We need a Junior League in every one of our churches. It means the future of our Luther League. Let's boost the Junior Department this year.

We look for more Junior Leagues in Michigan this year!

WORKERS' CONFERENCES

Canada

For the first time the Junior Secretary had the privilege of visiting our Canada Leaguers. The occasion was a Workers' Conference held over the Labor Day week end.

Enroute we (Rev. Kinports and family and the Junior Secretary) stopped at Niagara Falls and met

with the Leaguers there. They are an active group, enthusiastic over their State convention held in Buffalo, and over their District convention held in their own church just a few weeks before. We had opportunity to say a word for the Junior Department here.

Sunday morning we spoke to the Sunday Schools in St. John's and St. Matthew's, in Kitchener, Ontario. We found a large group of boys and girls in each which we hope will be the nucleus of Junior Leagues in the near future.

Sunday afternoon found us at Guelph, where a group of earnest, interested Leaguers rallied to learn of the work, and where we again had an opportunity to talk about the Juniors.

A seventy mile drive brought us to Elmwood, where the Leaguers and friends crowded the church, first for the Sunday evening service, and then for an informal discussion on League problems and plans.

Monday the Canada Leaguers gathered in St. Matthew's, Kitchener, for an all-day Workers' Conference. This was the first of such conferences and the response in attendance and interest was far beyond our fondest expectations. All morning and afternoon the Leaguers listened to the presentations of League work, divided into conferences, took part in the discussions, and in a most receptive way took in all the plans and methods presented. The Educational Department was stressed and a vast store of good material for the devotional meetings was received. The conference closed with a banquet at six o'clock.

We had the opportunity to conduct a Junior Conference, where much interest was shown, to present the work in a talk on "What the Juniors Are Doing," to hold an Intermediate Conference, and to bring greetings at the banquet.

The hospitality of the Canada Leaguers, their receptive manner, and appreciation of all the help given, will not soon be forgotten, and the Junior Secretary hopes that she may soon again visit Canada.

We believe that a Workers' Conference of this sort is of the greatest practical value. Why not try one in your District or State?

Institutes

Nine years ago, with fear and trembling we called for the First Junior Institute. Twenty-five attended. This has now become an annual affair, with an average of one hundred in attendance, and State and District Institutes have likewise been planned.

This year plans are made for a number and we know that more Junior leaders than ever will be gathered together to discuss the work of the Junior Department.

Ohio Leaguers are planning for their annual Junior State Institute to be held in Dayton in November.

Pennsylvania, not satisfied with one, is planning for two Institutes in different sections of the State.

Georgia for the first time planned a Junior-Intermediate Institute for September 30.

We will report on these next month. Why not plan a Junior Institute for your territory?

In Conclusion

As you study leadership this month, will you not plan for some preparation for leadership and invest in service in the conduct of a Junior League? We could have a Junior League for every Senior League if we had in each League just one Leaguer who would pass on his League training by organizing the Juniors.

Your Junior Secretary,

Brenda L. Mehlhouse

LEAGUE NEWS FROM OVER THE LEAGUE FIELD

MID-WEST REGION CONFERENCE DAYS BEING RELIVED BY LEAGUERS

Luther Leaguers all over the country are still talking about those sunny, exciting days last July when the Mid-West Region held its conference in Chicago. The Mid-Westerners, with their characteristic exuberance, evolved the conference in no time at all, and sent out word through the whole country for Luther Leaguers to be there. As a consequence, many of America's best known Leaguers were on hand, and at the opening reception, when Min Peterson made merry on the speaker's platform, there was an impressive parade "front and center" at Min's oft-repeated command.

In no time at all everyone was acquainted and the convention was going strong. Discussion groups were one of the most noteworthy features of the affair; every morning and afternoon found Leaguers popping up and down on the convention floor with all kinds of thoughtful and interesting ideas concerning the important questions of the day. The ever present subject of war and peace elicited a tumultuous discussion, guided however, by the quiet authority of Rev. Rudolph Schulz of Toledo, popularly known as "Rudy" in the extra-convention activities.

Other day-time speeches and discussions managed to hold Leaguers spell-bound even in spell-binding Chicago. On the first morning Rev. Alfred I. Beil of Des Moines, Iowa, spoke on the devotional life of the League. In the afternoon of that same day, the various divisions of League life were reviewed—Rev. Paul M. Kimborts, Executive Secretary, Luther League of America, Philadelphia, spoke on the Senior League work; Rev. John Warnes of Springfield, Ohio, on the Intermediate; and Rev. J. S. Albert of Indianapolis on the Junior.

With a convincingness that pleased everyone, Rev. Carl Satre, of Lena, discussed politics and the youth movement. In the same way, the subject of the new industrial order was made real and alive by Rev. William Zimmann of South Bend, Indiana, whose subject provoked one of the most lively discussions of the conference.

The evening sessions, just as they were designed to be, were the climax of each busy and inspirational day. The first, on Sunday, throbbled with enthusiasm. Through the great audience that evening ran a thrill as several hundred white-robed choiristers marched down the aisle. For fifteen solid minutes the march continued, while the rally hymn was repeated, and the band played, and the

organ sent deep chords resounding down the aisles. Rev. F. W. Otterbein, pastor of the entertaining church, spoke that night on the first of the "Progress" subjects on which the theme of the convention was built.

The other evening meetings continued on the same high key. Dr. A. A. Zinck, of Milwaukee, was the speaker on the second night, emphasizing the fact that Christianity is a religion of optimism. Then, like a lovely and prayerful poem, came the message of the closing session, delivered by Dr. Walter H. Traub of Omaha. Dr. Traub revealed to everyone thrilling vistas of what life can and may mean.

The words of these speakers, the daily devotional moments with Rev. Carl Tambert, the chimes that echoed and re-echoed at the touch of Organist McDermott's skilled fingers—each inspiring fact of this great conference lingers today in the memory of many happy Leaguers.

So delightful were these days at the conference, so thrilled were all who attended that they have been like politicians stumping up and down the countryside, talking to everybody who would listen. At Kountze Memorial League in Omaha, one hundred people came out one warm evening in August to hear about the conference, and to see Herb Fischer's movies of the post-convention trip. At other Leagues all over the country similar affairs have been held, while the Wisconsin people claim that many fine ideas for their Appleton convention came directly from the Mid-West Conference. A special convention number of "The United Wicker Parker" was issued by the Chicago Luther League under the editorship of Raymond A. Dittbrenner, and a copy was mailed out to every registered delegate or visitor. The Wicker-Parker gives a complete and intensely interesting resume of the entire convention, even to a reproduction of the convention picture as a frontispiece.

The Post-Convention Festivities

Of course not the least of the convention thrills were the several days of festivities which followed the closing session.

Chicago this summer was like the parade days of our childhood memories—better yet, it was like the Fourth of July and Christmas Eve and a trip to Europe rolled into one. There is a carefree delight in being a tourist (all cartoons to the contrary)—in climbing into big, bouncing buses that emphatically make their way through

the thickest traffic, in having patient guides to do our thinking, and a string of tickets to be the open sesame to all the wonder of the world.

The Luther League party will now leave the Travel and Transport Building. This gentle but firm announcement in the midst of all the tumult of the World's Fair would make docile tourists of the most obstreperous. Even Min Peterson and Joe Dittmer went scurrying after their guides like bewildered, wide-eyed children. And if you were a young lady, anxious to rhapsodize over the biggest diamond in the world, you could always be sure of some loyal League friend pulling you on, moaning that you were already out of sight of the "L. L. party." Even with all these precautions, however, there were a few "lost and founds"—Cliff Gash, for instance, wandered away in the Hall of States (Joe Hoffman claims that Cliff was so enraptured with Wisconsin that he couldn't make his way out.)

Those fortunate individuals who went to the Reading convention two years ago recalled that on that trip there were constantly being exhibited all the "oldest" things on record; this year they were being regaled with the "biggest." And indeed, Chicago—big, spectacular, amazing as it is—was even bigger, more spectacular, more amazing than ever. There was a gay, old world informality about the Fair that made even the most rebellious feet tread lightly—or at any rate, made them want to go back for more. There were bright, umbrella'd cafes, and policemen with scarlet coats, and Belgian villages, and towers that laughed at the Eiffel. And all the time there was blue, blue Lake Michigan, with sailboats on her waters, and steamships gliding off to Buffalo, and speedboats rushing down from Evanston. Even the very air was alive with activity—with blimps and planes and the famous sky-ride that dangled its cars like a couple of big bugs crawling across a taut wire.

It was no wonder that Luther Leaguers, seeing the endless stretch of lake, feeling its cool breezes, were delighted at length to walk across the gangplank and find themselves at midnight aboard the U.S.S. Juniata. After a strenuous day at the Fair, the crowd was content to drop into chairs on the top deck and watch the Chicago lights spread before their eyes in fairy-like radiance. As the steamer made its way quietly northward, there lay all Chicago, its lights reflected twofold in the black waters—colorful multifold lights that made the memory even of the most resplendent Fourth of July pale into insignificance.

Milwaukee, the next morning, seemed docile, graceful after Chicago, and the two hours' sightseeing trip for which the crowd disembarked briefly, revealed a city of hills and homes and shining boulevards, and flowers more bright than one dreamed flowers to be.

At Milwaukee everyone had a half-hour of freedom in which to shop at Gimbels, to replenish themselves with wash cloths, post cards, boxes of candy and nuts. Then once more back to the boat where distinguished Luther Leaguers so far forgot their dignity that midnight found them sliding down banisters and riding bareback on the radiators. At this stage of the fun loud complaints were heard from nearby staterooms, but occupants of said staterooms were merely mourning because they were too sleepy to join the fun—or were stranded in some dark upper bunk from which they weren't able to find their way out.

At any rate, there was plenty of fun aboard ship, but even more awaiting at Mackinac Island. There was a cool quiet rain falling that morning, but the little island was resplendent with horses and carriages ready for a canter, with blue delphinium piercing the ground, and daisies clamoring over the hillsides. In no time at all the whole party was seated grandly in the shining carriages, prancing down the main street, the horses' hoofs clattering, everyone feeling just like King George or Queen Mary or certainly the hero from a Victorian novel. For several hours the procession continued over the island, stopping occasionally to see some old barricade or some natural wonder, and then finally along the shore until the Grand Hotel hove into view. Mammoth frame structure, it is built on a high hill, and there is a tall doorman in a red coat to bow everyone a welcome. In the dining room, mammoth too, there is an orchestra that makes dreams come true—perhaps the whole day was really a dream come true! There was a cold, shining swimming pool into which everyone plunged, there were the bright new bicycles on which the Leaguers pedaled madly up and down Main Street, there were the roller skates—and even the bumps and tumbles common to roller skating days!

Finally, to add real excitement to the day, two of the horses staged a runaway down Main Street—whether because Dot Heschbach fed them too many sugar lumps was not determined.

At last the crowd was ready once more to clamber aboard ship. That night the moon streaked across Lake Michigan like a silver sword, the waters lapped quietly, and a dream of contentment enveloped that little world of Luther Leaguers floating over the black waters.

As if to climax the whole beautiful week, the Saturday afternoon that the boat docked was also the afternoon that Balbo and his Italian fliers were arriving in Chicago. As the boat approached the city, the fliers were buzzing all about overhead. The American escort was spelling out the word "Italy" in the sky, and weaving miraculous designs against the sun. Courteously standing by, the steamship and her passengers gave the first cheer from their "box seat" out on the lake. Then just after the Italian planes had streaked across the sky in silver flashes and glided gently to the water, the ship itself slipped into harbor, and once more the Luther Leaguers found themselves amid the clamor of Chicago traffic, waving frantic goodbyes at each other through taxicab windows and tugging nervously for their railroad tickets back home.

MARY E. FISCHER

PENNSYLVANIA

The Fortieth Annual Convention

The Fortieth Annual Convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania was held in Christ Lutheran Church, York, Pa., July 18-21, 1933. Rev. Gerald G. Neely, pastor. The convention theme was "Leagued For Service."

The opening session was held Tuesday evening, July 18th, being preceded by a friendly sing conducted by Pastor Neely. The open-

ing address was delivered by Rev. H. W. A. Hansen, President of Gettysburg College, Gettysburg. Rev. Hanson in his talk, however, stressed the fact that today we do not need to have new ways of service to our fellow men pointed out. "What we need most is a closer contact with God, the source of all strength and power. If only thought of God and His service were uppermost in the hearts of people everywhere, such a revelation in the social and spiritual life of the nation would occur as has never been witnessed before." Dr. Hanson also pointed out the need for a more widespread and ageous outlook on life and elimination of pessimism.

Wednesday the business sessions of the convention were formally opened by President Luther C. Schmehl, who announced the appointment of the following committees: Resolutions, Rev. R. J. Heckman, Chairman; Auditing, Mr. Chas. H. Nutto, Chairman; and Nominating Committee, Mr. Edwin C. Maloney, Chairman. Following these and other announcements the reports of all officers and Departmental Secretaries and chairmen were made and the session was brought to a close by a Quiet Talk by the Convention Chaplain, Rev. E. Martin Grove, pastor of Bethlehem Church, Harrisburg, on the subject "The Mark of a Christian—Loyalty."

Each session of the convention was featured by these Quiet Talks of Rev. Grove which proved to be one of the best parts of the program. At succeeding sessions, Rev. Grove's topics were continued under the general heading "Marks of a Christian" and under the following sub-headings "Courage," "Patience," "Humility," "Helpfulness" and "Generosity."

Educational Department

The Wednesday afternoon session was devoted to the work of this department and was presided over by Luther C. Lang, First Vice-President. The subjects discussed included presentation of the topics, discussion at a model devotional meeting, the Reading Course, daily Bible readings, and were featured by special graphic presentation of the topics for 1934 by the Intermediates and Juniors. Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, State Junior Secretary, and Rev. C. A. Steigerwalt, State Intermediate Secretary, co-operated in the presentation of the program.

The Wednesday evening session was featured by the second address on the convention theme; this address being delivered by Rev. Paul W. Koller, D.D., Executive Secretary, Board of Foreign Missions, U. L. C. A., the topic assigned him being "Leagued For Service—Through Giving." Dr. Koller stressed the need for giving, not just from a monetary standpoint but through personal service, lending our influence for the good of humanity and making our lives filled with service to others. Those of us who cannot lend personal service can contribute of our wealth, great or small, and really, few of us can realize how far our influence in this way can be carried through the world-wide service of the Mission Boards of the United Lutheran Church.

Following Dr. Koller's address, a check was presented to Miss Brenda Mehhouse, representing the Luther League of America, for \$1,040 toward the current mission objective, our new seminary in Tokyo, Japan.

Sustaining Membership Fund

The Thursday morning session was opened with the customary devotions by the convention chaplain, followed by the presentation of a skit written by Luther C. Schmehl, entitled "The Silver Lining." Its list of characters included Miss Emily, Stenographer (Frances Hayden), John Quizzer, a Misguided Leaguer (Lloyd Diliplane), Marian Askem, Another Misguided Leaguer (Anna Reiber) and Rev. Paul M. Kinports (Wellington Goodman).

The urgent necessity of supporting the fund was further brought home to the delegates through a forceful presentation of the need for funds to continue the vital extension activities of the National League by John G. Kurzenkabe, of Harrisburg, First Vice-President, Luther League of America.

Following this session the convention photograph was taken on the York County Courthouse steps.

Junior Luncheon

A luncheon at which the work of the Juniors was presented in brief by Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, State Junior Secretary and Miss Brenda L. Mehhouse, National Secretary, was given through the courtesy of the ladies of Union Lutheran Church, Rev. Carl Simon, pastor. (Two features on the program were the introduction to the delegates of Luther Lang, Jr., and Bobby Simon, the youngest Juniors present. They, however, refused to go further than a hand wave to the delegates.)

Missionary Department

Following the opening devotions conducted by Rev. Grove, the work of the Missionary Department was presented by Miss Hazel E. Nannah, State Missionary Secretary, with the co-operation of Rev. C. A. Steigerwalt, Intermediate Secretary and Mrs. R. G. Swavely, Junior Secretary. The program included very interesting presentations of the work of the department not only in the Senior department but Intermediates and Juniors as well. The use of the missionary topics was taken up in detail first, followed by a presentation of the mission study class and also the 1934 plans; a pageant depicting the missionary objective (Japan) was also presented.

One of the most impressive sessions of the convention was that held on Reservoir Hill at which Rev. C. S. Simonton, Life Service Secretary, Luther League of America, and pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church, Harrisburg, brought the message "Leagued For Service—Through Living." Dr. Simonton pointed out that to all of us are presented choices—choices for good and evil. To those who choose aright God will give an abundance of His strength and power. There are many qualities which we can develop in our lives which will enable us to be of real service to the Master but we must have love. "If any man love Me he will keep My words." To love according to Christ's will is proof of the sincerity of love to others. Love to Christ must be a visible love, manifested by the challenge that on this earth. In closing Rev. Simonton presented the thought that we young people are the hope of the world—great things are to be accomplished by our generation and we Christian young folk have a great opportunity for Christian service.

At the Friday morning session the following were duly elected officers for the ensuing year: President, Luther C. Schmehl, Reading; First Vice-President, Luther C. Lang, Wilkes-Barre; Second Vice-President, Edwin C. Maloney, East Liverpool, Ohio; Secretary, Miss Emma M. Gusk, Bellevue; Assistant Secretary, Emily W. Freundt, Allentown; Treasurer, Robert T. Menges, Menges Mills.

Following the elections the work of the Publicity Department was presented by Marvin H. Eckardt, State Publicity Chairman. The vital importance of the work of this department was stressed. The finest program can be available and the ablest of leaders present it but if proper and efficient publicity is not given, failure will result. The Leaguers were urged to personally make themselves "publicity agents" and talk Luther League to their friends and prospective members for while our printed messages are excellent, after all the finest type of publicity is that engendered through personal contact. A League paper in local and particularly in every district was also urged as well as the great value of forwarding League publicity to pastors of non-League churches and to prospective League groups. A general discussion followed the presentation of publicity work.

Memorial Service

Following the publicity session a memorial service honoring those Leaguers who departed from this life during the year was conducted by the convention chaplain, Rev. E. Martin Grove. A flower was presented in memory of those departed in each of the 17 Districts of the State. Rev. Carl R. Simon concluded the service with a baritone solo, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."

Life Service Department

The work of the Life Service Department was presented at the Friday afternoon session and presided over by Miss Jenny Bonde, State Life Service Secretary. Sister Anna Ebert, Philadelphia, spoke on "A Day With a Deaconess" and Rev. Carl R. Simon presented "The Challenge of the Ministry." The meaning of Life Service was presented in detail. A solo was rendered by a Junior Leaguer from Berks District and the Life Service Study Class and Life Service Conference were also presented by Miss Bonde.

Departmental and executive appointments were also made by Luther C. Schmehl, President as follows: Executive Secretary, Miss Mary C. Huston, Harrisburg; Educational Secretary, Miss Sue Kliebscheldt, Allentown; Missionary Secretary, Miss Hazel E. Nannah, Freedom; Life Service Secretary, Miss Jenny Bonde, Erie; Intermediate Secretary, Rev. C. A. Steigerwalt, Schuylkill Haven; Junior Secretary, Mrs. Ralph G. Swavely, Reading; Publicity Chairman, Marvin H. Eckardt, Philadelphia; Executive Committee (members-at-large), Harold W. Donges, Johnstown; Cecil C. King, Norristown; Kenneth W. Dry, Mechanicsburg; William Eroh, Hazleton; D. Edward Antes, Coatesville; Miss Cornelia Cathcart, Clearfield; (the officers are also members of the Executive Committee).

Closing Session

The final session of the convention was marked by the consecration of additional Life Service crosses, the service being in charge of Miss Jenny Bonde, State Life Service Secretary. Twenty-seven additional crosses were added, representing 27 Leaguers who consecrated their lives to full time service to the church during the year.

Rev. Harold S. Miller, pastor, Incarnation Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., brought the closing message, his topic being "Don Your Armor." Rev. Miller pointed out that armor was generally worn only in emergencies. Today we are facing one of the greatest emergencies placed before mankind. God has furnished us Christians with armor to conquer the giants "Depression," "Selfishness," "Nationalism" and others just as David conquered and killed Goliath. David could not wear the armor of King Saul so he used the weapons in which he was experienced and did what to those present at the time seemed an absurdity—he conquered the mighty Goliath. Our armor, however, will be useless unless we are in touch with God, as was David, and we must be "alive in Jesus Christ." While we may not have the might of a Goliath or his powerful armor we do have the Gospel of Jesus Christ which can overcome all earthly armor. "Lead on, O heart of Christ, we follow thee"—"Put on the whole armor of Jesus Christ."

MARVIN H. ECKARDT, Publicity Chairman

Southern Erie Conference

The summer rallies of the Southern Erie Conference Luther League proved to be worthwhile and interesting. On June 17 the League held their early summer rally at the Rock Gardens of the Ramsdale Farm near Franklin with 135 present. The meeting was preceded by a botanical tour and steak fry. Prof. John Gamble of Thiel College, conducted the tour. A brief but impressive sunset

devotional period preceded the business meeting. Paul L. Graf, President, conducted the short business meeting at which time an interesting report of the Erie convention was given by Mrs. R. A. Kline. Reports of the work of each local society were also given.

On August 9, the Farrell League entertained with a model social and devotional meeting. There were 56 in attendance. This was held at the summer home of B. A. Rogers, near Sharon. The afternoon was given to games and a treasure hunt. The supper consisted of a weiner roast with soft drinks and dessert furnished by the Farrell League. Miss Dorothy Beckman conducted the worship period while Paul Miller led the discussion on the subject "Worship of the Lutheran Church." A short business meeting followed with the President in charge. Reports of officers and committees were given. Each local Secretary gave a report of their League activities. The President appointed a nominating committee with Mrs. R. A. Kline chairman and a program committee with Miss Dorothy Beckman chairman. The educational chairman announced that the next rally would be held in Meadville October 17, and that each League would be responsible for ten minutes of music and dramatical readings.

IRENE THURAN, Publicity Chairman

SOUTH CAROLINA

The twenty-third annual convention of the Luther League of South Carolina convened at Newberry College, Newberry, August 23-25, with about two hundred and twenty-five Leaguers present. "Realizing My Religion" was the theme. The convention speaker was Rev. F. L. Conrad, High Point, N. C. The several divisions of the theme on which he spoke so inspiringly were "Realizing My Religion—By Receptive Attitude to It," "By Ethical Life Through It," "By Earnest Activity In It," "By Inner Exercise of It."

Each day of the convention was begun with a Morning Watch Service. These programs were well rendered by Misses Nell West and Anna Margaret Long. In the evening the inspirational Twilight Service was presented by Miss Ruth Feagle. Each session of the convention was opened with a Worship Service conducted by the convention chaplain, Rev. E. B. Keisler, Newberry.

On the evening of the second day of the convention, an interesting explanation of some stereopticon slides on our mission work in Africa was given. This was presented under the supervision of Rev. Paul M. Counts who has served as missionary in Liberia.

Departmental conferences were held at one of the sessions. The Educational Conference was arranged by Miss Miriam Greever, the retiring Educational Secretary. Miss Sarah Boland presented the work. The Missionary Department was conducted by Miss Wilhelmmina Behlmer. The National Missionary Secretary, Miss Winnie Butt, made a talk on "Missions, the Dynamo of the Christian Religion." Miss Louise Brandt, the Life Service Secretary, presented the program of the Life Service Department.

Items of interest gathered from the business sessions were: the adoption of a budget of \$2,206.15, the creation of the offices of Field Secretary and Junior Secretary, resolution for the third annual edition of the Calendar of Work, and the determination to attain all Luther League goals during the coming year.

The Intermediates gathered on Thursday, August 24, for their annual program. The teen-agers met in a session while the Seniors disposed of business. Two Intermediates spoke: "Realizing My Religion by Regular Meditation On the Word of God"—Miss Alice Mae Riser, and "Realizing My Religion by Rendering Definite Personal"—Miss Hazel Bedenbaugh. Then the Intermediates discussed their problems and made plans for the new year. Following this Rev. Wolf, National Intermediate Secretary, spoke on the topic "Vitamin Z." In the afternoon an Intermediate program was presented before the convention. "The Intermediate League's Contribution to Me" was the subject of a talk by Mr. Harry Merchant. Rev. Wolf spoke on "Cruising With the Intermediates."

At the closing session of the convention Rev. P. D. Brown, of Columbia, installed the following who had been elected as officers for the year: President and Field Secretary, Miss Evelyn Caughman, Lexington; Vice-President, Philip Dufford, Lone Star; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Juanita Wood, Columbia; Recording Secretary, Raymond Ellsworth, Charleston; Treasurer, Miss Pansy Mae Carter, New Brookland; Educational Secretary, Miss Sarah Boland, Little Mountain; Missionary Secretary, Miss Louise Wieters, Charleston; Life Service Secretary, Miss Louise Brandt, Walhalla; Intermediate Secretary, Miss Pearl Stockman, Little Mountain; Junior Secretary, Miss Lucy Brady, Columbia; Statistical Secretary, Alton Roof, New Brookland; Publicity Secretary, Rev. J. O. Kempson, Charleston; Archivist, Miss Christine Satcher, Graniteville.

The invitation to the Luther League of America of "come to Charleston for the 1935 National Convention" got the hearty endorsement of the Leaguers. Plans were adopted to help the Charleston Leagues bring the Luther Leaguers of America South again.



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WISCONSIN

The August 10-12 convention of the Luther League of Wisconsin at Trinity Church, Appleton, Wisconsin, Rev. D. E. Bosserman, pastor, had for its theme "We Would See Jesus." The speak-



Luther League of Wisconsin in Convention Assembled at Appleton, Wis., August 10-12, 1933

OHIO

The State Convention of the Luther League of Ohio was held at Lakeside, July 17-23. The theme of the convention, "Thy Kingdom Come," was heard in lecture, in drama, in song, in prayer, in group discussion, and in personal testimony, not only in the assembled sessions, but in the personal visits of the Leaguers, one with another. Those who had the privilege of being at Lakeside look upon it as one of the finest sessions ever held. Pastor Kenneth Killinger, the mountain missionary, was present and touched the hearts and minds of the Ohio Leaguers with a story that shall never be forgotten. The two great experiences of the week were the banquet on Friday evening, and the Galilean Service on Saturday morning. At the business session, Edward Driscoll of Springfield was elected to the presidency. Other officers are: Vice-President, Paul Renz, Brewster; Secretary, Verna Papenfus, Toledo; Treasurer, Erle C. Greiner, Zanesville; Member of Executive Committee, Donald Schrag, Canton, the retiring President. The fine attendance and spirit of devotion make us look forward with anxious hearts to the next gathering in 1934.

Was Ohio present at the sessions of the Mid-West Regional Conference in Chicago? Yes, and in number was second only to Nebraska, but in spirit second to none. Furthermore, two of her talented and able speakers appeared on the regular program. These two men were Rev. Rudy Schulz of Toledo and our Executive Secretary, Rev. John Warnes of Springfield. In addition to these men, many of the other Ohio Leaguers made a distinct contribution to the convention. Well, they heard us in Chicago, and they will hear us again in Springfield in 1935.

The Springfield Federation of Luther Leaguers was ushered into St. Luke's Lutheran Church on June 20 to witness a mock wedding. Beneath the gaiety of the union of Miss Fulla Prunes to Mr. Iama Nutt, lay a seriousness which later led to the consideration of the coming annual convention and the conference scheduled for Chicago. Two hundred strong they came despite the terrific heat of the evening.

The Federated Luther Leaguers of Miami Valley held an interesting meeting on July 7 at Germantown for the purpose of creating interest in the Lakeside Convention. This organization displays a fine spirit of co-operation.

There will be an active and high-powered campaign for the Luther League Review again this year. It will be in the form of a contest between the four Conferences. With Olen Peter, Educational Secretary of the Luther League of Ohio, as commander, we can see a great fight ahead—not a fist fight, but a fight for the Luther League of America.

Did you know that Ohio had gone over the top in the missionary objective? Well, that is history now, but we are passing it on to you in case you have not already learned of it.

The Central Conference held their annual convention at Zanesville September 3, 4, in the beautiful St. John's Lutheran Church, of which Rev. W. M. Hackenberg, D.D., is pastor. Approximately 200 delegates were present for this annual event. The theme was "God With Us." Much of the credit for this fine convention goes to President Lewis Caswell of Mansfield and the fine group of Leaguers of the Zanesville Church. Among the impressive sessions, we mention especially the opening service with sermon by Pastor Brandt of Newark; the sunrise service on Putnam Hill with the meditation by Dr. Hackenberg; the play, "Two Masters," presented after the banquet by the Leaguers of Zanesville; and the final session of the convention. This was the service of the Holy Communion, the sermon being given by Dr. E. E. Flack, the students' friend and professor at Hanma Divinity School. The service was largely attended, and the Leaguers departed with a heavenly love filling their hearts.

Two hundred and thirteen Leaguers of the Tuscarawas County Federation met at Newcomerstown on Friday evening of September 1 for the annual banquet meeting. Rev. R. G. Schulz of Toledo gave his splendid address on "The Mother of Great Deeds." The next meeting will be some time in November.

ers on the theme included Rev. M. A. Haker, of Marinette; Rev. C. Harrison Rex, of Janesville; Rev. Dr. A. J. D. Haupt, of Horicon; and Dr. Joseph Hoffman, of Milwaukee, Past President. The new President, Miss Irene Clemens, Appleton, Vice-President, Miss Aurelia Schwanberg, Milwaukee, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Lucille Pierce, Neenah, Recording Secretary; and Irwin Fuss, Neenah, Treasurer. A registration fee of \$2 secured housing and meals. Transportation by motorcade brought the expense of the convention to a low figure. One offering, that for a low rise breakfast, was taken. Other expenses were optional. Visitors from Minnesota and Herb Fischer, National President, attended. Discussion groups led by Leaguers on various topics related to the theme and Luther League work formed the major part of the convention. At mealtime Leaguers gave heart to heart talks on the theme. The League voted to pay its missionary quota with funds on hand, to give not more than \$150 to the Student Aid Fund for the rest of 1933, and to permit the editor of the Beacon Light, the State paper, to make that paper a monthly publication if he can. Members made trips to some of the paper mills in the vicinity. The natural beauty of the location of Pastor Bosserman's church and the kindness of the members of his congregation left a happy memory.

Southern Conference Leagues held their annual convention October 13, 14, at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Springfield. Eastern Conference meets November 3, 4; Western Conference during Thanksgiving vacation.

We are now getting ready for Luther League Week and will tell you about that next month. Also about the big rally being planned for September 10 at Toledo. This must go to press now, so we say "So long until next time."

ELMER A. LEHMAN, Publicity Director

PACIFIC NORTHWEST DISTRICT LUTHER LEAGUE
Thirteenth Annual Convention

The finest convention and the best represented convention yet, was the verdict of the old-timers present at the thirteenth annual convention of the Pacific Northwest District Luther League, held in Victoria, British Columbia, September 1-3. One novel thing about this convention was that everyone who came had to come by boat or plane—and our Vice-President, Howard Helmich, has the distinction of coming by plane.

The convention opened with vespers Friday evening, at which time the President of Grace League, Victoria, Luther T. Jansen, welcomed the delegates and Gladys N. Canedy, President of the District League, responded. Rev. C. S. Quinton, Dean of Columbia, gave the address of the evening, "What Is It to Be a Christian?" After the service a reception for the delegates and visitors was held in the social rooms of the church.

Saturday morning the business session began first with roll call, then with the use of the "Formal Opening of Convention" published by the U. L. C. "Thoughts" followed by Dr. Bieber, our convention chaplain. Reports of the President, Secretaries, committee chairmen and Leaguers filled in the morning's business. The meeting was adjourned for a "fish and chips" luncheon, served by the ladies of the church.

Immediately following roll call and "Thoughts" by Dr. Bieber, the afternoon business session got under way. Two important items were voted this year—that all the Leaguers in the District have simultaneous election of officers in September, immediately following the convention, and a new constitution for the District adopted. Election of officers followed. Gladys Canedy was strongly urged to accept the office of President for another year, but refused. The nomination in favor of Alvin Petershagen, of Trinity, Everett. Following officers were elected: President, Alvin Petershagen, Everett; Vice-President, Jeannette Franson, Seattle; Corresponding Secretary, Irma Christiansen, Everett; Recording Secretary, Alice Campbell, Seattle; Treasurer, Melville A. Metz, Seattle; Historian, Alice Bremer, Seattle.

At the close of the afternoon business session, the convention picture was taken, and then all the Leaguers were taken on a sight-seeing trip in a huge bus, visiting the Dominion Observatory and Mr. Butchart's Gardens, which are world-famed.

Saturday evening all the Leaguers attended a banquet at which Rev. T. A. Jansen, of Victoria, was toastmaster. Some of the members of Grace League entertained with a number of old English songs, led by Allan Anderson. Gladys Canedy, retiring president, was presented with a beautiful corsage. Dr. Bieber of University Church, Seattle, brought us the message of "Follow the Leader or Playing the Game of Life." Mrs. T. A. Jansen, President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Pacific Synod, gave a toast to the League and Miss Anna Pasjack, Junior and Intermediate Secretary, gave a toast to the Juniors.

Sunday morning Miss Louise Miller, visiting missionary, led the League class on the subject, "In His Steps In Our Mission In India."

The convention theme, "In His Steps," was the subject of Rev. O. A. Bremer's discourse at the morning service. The candle-lighting installation service was used by Rev. Jansen to install the new officers. After luncheon, the convention reconvened to hear the last "Thoughts" by Dr. Bieber.

Conferences were held on the following topics: The Sixteen Point Program—What to Do About It?; New Ideas In Exchange for Old; Our Devotionals; Fun and Finance; Our Socials; Educating Our Young Folks; Our Missionary Program; The Promise of the Future; Our Juniors and Intermediates.

Those who stayed over, visited the Sikh Temple, the new Anglican Cathedral and the Catholic Cathedral.

Much progress has been made this year in extension work, and a friendliness between the Leagues. Our Treasurer reported our Japan project quota paid in full and our national dues paid in full. There is going to be no slump in this District this year—we are all going to carry on.

GLADYS N. CANEDY, Past President

CANADA

Delegates and visitors to the number of 135 were present at the convention of the Hanover District of the Luther League of Canada, held in St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Listowel, on Sunday, July 9th. The afternoon session at 3 o'clock opened with a brief devotional period conducted by Rev. A. J. Dairs of Desboro. Greetings were extended to the visitors by the President of the Listowel Luther League, Walter Ruppel, to which Rev. H. W. Baetz of Chesley, replied. Further greetings were extended by Rev. J. F. Vandrick, representing His Worship, Mayor Creighton. Rev. E. F. Sterz of Hanover, responded to this greeting.

Routine business was then carried on with the reading of the reports of the Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Committee, Extension Committee, Life Service Secretary, Missionary Secretary and Educational Secretary. Miss E. Monk, Elmwood, Missionary Secretary of the Luther League of Canada, also spoke briefly.

The Extension Committee reported that a Luther League has been organized in Neustadt and one in Linwood and that possibly next year these two bodies will be ready to join the District.

The next convention will be held in Ayton on the second Sunday in July. We are very grateful to Rev. Peters and his Luther Leaguers for their kind invitation. The Luther League of Wallace presented a paper.

Election of officers for the year resulted as follows: President, Wm. Fischer, Ayton; Vice-President, Miss Edna Berfelz, Listowel; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Marie Steumfle, Elmwood; Pastor Member, Rev. H. W. Baetz, Chesley; Life Service Secretary, Rev. R. B. Gerlhaar, Listowel; Missionary Secretary, Rev. E. F. Sterz, Hanover; Educational Secretary, Walter Kemp, Sullivan.

Supper was served to the delegates and visitors in the new Sunday School building, which has just recently been dedicated.

The rally service was held in the evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. Howald conducted the liturgy and Rev. Baetz preached a timely and appropriate sermon. Special music was rendered by the choir and a much appreciated solo was given by Mr. Knudsen. Candlelight installation service was used and the convention closed with the singing of the Luther League Rally Hymn. The offering at this service was devoted to Waterloo College and Seminary.

Picnic of Kitchener and Waterloo Leagues

The Luther Leagues of Kitchener and Waterloo held their first annual joint picnic on July 26th at Waterloo Park.

The event proved to be a huge success. There were about 150 Leaguers present at the supper table and all expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the excellent lunch provided by a committee whose convenors were Romaine Stepler and Edna Timm.

The Leaguers amused themselves with soft ball and swimming in the afternoon. After supper a very interesting program of novelty races was conducted under the able direction of Edith Graber and her committee.

The picnic was brought to a conclusion by a dance held in the Waterloo Pavilion. The Leaguers enjoyed the day's activities.

Hanover District Picnic

Saturday, July 1st, was an ideal day for the annual picnic of the Hanover District held in Walkerton. A large and enthusiastic group of Leaguers was present and participated in all the activities that were planned.

Soft ball was the major item and there were several keenly contested games. Chesley boys once more captured the coveted trophy. The girls from Elmwood were successful in winning by defeating Hanover by one run. The Luther League of Hanover won the relay race. Much interest was shown in the various other races and prizes were distributed to every League.

During the evening a varied program was given in the Town Hall. All the Leagues were represented. There is a good deal of fine talent in the District and the programs are of a high order.

Rev. E. J. Fischer and his Leaguers are to be congratulated on the fine way in which they handled the picnic and all appreciated their efforts.

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Monthly Theme: "LEADERSHIP"

SENIOR TOPICS

November 5, 1933

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

TRAINING LEADERS

Mark 3:13-19

(By Dr. Joshua Oden)

I. The Leader

Leadership cannot be bestowed. A person may be elected as President of a League, or a leader of a Bible Class, or an officer in a committee, and still not be a leader. Leadership must be accepted and duty assumed. Leadership may be enlisted, but unless it is accepted and duly assumed, it will not be worthy of the name. A leader guides, controls, conducts, and manages the acts of others. A leader should never rule. His dictate should be guided by truth, modesty, forbearance, love, dignity, sincerity, and a high regard for the liberties and personalities of his followers. In many Leagues the ruling leader is a thorn in the flesh. He is the kind of a leader we must avoid if we expect to make progress for the Kingdom of God.

1. Qualifications of the Leader

(a) He must have learned the lesson of obedience.

An old general in addressing his school of officers said, "The first lesson which every officer must learn is that of instant obedience." It is impossible to give a command unless one has first learned the lesson of obedience. It is not our place to ask the reason why a certain thing is to be done, but rather to follow the leadership and work out the plan as adopted. Every leader must, therefore, learn to obey the divine command and look to God for authority and guidance in all that which is to be carried out.

(b) He must know the rules of the game.

Dr. Herman H. Horne in his "Essentials of Leadership" says that "Every person exerts some influence, and so is to some extent a leader, and every person, too, is influenced by many and must to a great extent be a follower. The leader is a person who has followers, and a great leader has glad and willing followers."

In the book referred to, he has compiled thirty-two tests, some of which we quote. Ask yourself these questions and ascertain your own qualification:

1. Do you exercise self-control when things go wrong?
2. Do you keep your head in an emergency?
3. Do you remain calm under criticism?
4. Do your mates respect and co-operate with you?
5. Can you maintain discipline without using the show of authority?
6. Can you get people to do things without irritating them?
7. Do you adjust yourself to strangers easily?
8. Have you a reasonable amount of self-confidence and confidence in your cause?
9. Are you sometimes alone with yourself and God?

Dr. David Mitchell of New York presents the following ten questions on which you may give yourself a score of three for each to which you can answer yes.

1. Can you always be depended upon to do what you say you will do?
2. Do you go out of your way cheerfully to help others?
3. Are you careful not to exaggerate?
4. Do you resist the temptation to be sarcastic?
5. Do you refrain from showing off how much you know?
6. Are you able to keep from feeling superior to most of your associates?
7. Do you refrain from bossing people not employed by you?
8. Do you refrain from reprimanding people that do things that displease you?
9. Are you careful not to make fun of others to their backs?
10. Do you refrain from trying to dominate others?

(c) **The leader must be faithful and loyal.** There is no place in the program of the Church for the quitter. Faithfulness and loyalty are absolutely necessary. The cause must be greater than the means, and loyalty to the organization greater than petty desires and griefs. No leadership can succeed where personal grievances are nursed, and where a spirit of discouragement is the common thing. Loyalty to Christ, loyalty to His Church and His teachings, loyalty to the League—such is the order of progression. "Loyalty to such a collective cause will lift us high above the menial plane of selfish ambitions. It will give purpose to life. Living will be glorious, adventurous, satisfying. We will have discovered the one thing big enough to make us big."

(d) **The leader is to be chosen on the basis of his gifts or aptitude.** Not all make good Presidents; not all make good Secretaries; not all make good Treasurers, etc. The social, the cultural, the organizing, the music, must be placed in the hands of such as have the qualifications.

II Training for Leadership

(a) **Must begin by taking lesser places of responsibility and making good.** This is the usual test of training in many activities. He who is faithful in the little things will also be faithful in the greater things. The faithful, loyal, giving of one's self to the more lowly tasks of organized work constitutes but a stepping stone to greater responsibilities. We "learn by doing." For excellent examples note the following:

Study the Growth In Leadership

Joshua, the understudy of Moses—

Leader of army—Exodus 17:8

Secretary of Moses—Exodus 17:14

Servant of Moses—Exodus 24:13; 33:11

Faithful optimist—Numbers 14:4-9

Fully accepted leader—Joshua 1:1-11

Samuel, the understudy of Eli—I Samuel 3:1-21

The Apostle John, the understudy of the Baptizer of Jesus—John 1:35-42

Timothy, the understudy of Paul—II Timothy 1:6-11
See also John Mark, Barnabas, Silas, etc.

Outline the test of training in the case of some of the following: Joseph, Aaron, Bezalel and Oholiab (Exodus 36:1-3) and David; among secular leaders, Lincoln, President Roosevelt, Jane Addams and Helen Keller.

(b) **Study of the parliamentary rules.** Robert's Rules of Order have long been the criterion for parliamentary leadership. The presiding officer must know the rudiments of these. The worthy, efficient, and considerate way of working with groups is a long and helpful study.

Problems for Discussion

1. What would you do in a League of twenty-five members, if there had previously been no leadership manifested?

2. Suppose that in the above group no one has had any advantages in the setting up of an organization, nor has anyone been privileged to serve in any capacity—how would you organize them into a functioning group?

3. From your own observation of leadership, what qualifications do you feel are absolutely necessary? Education in the abstract, or special aptitudes? Loquaciousness or practical detail work?

4. Two young persons are available for the presidency of the League. One is brilliant, with much previous training, and has all the visible indications of leadership, but is not a Christian. The other is a Christian, but has had no training and but few qualifications for leadership. Which one of the two should be elected, and why? First establish a basic principle.

5. What place should the pastor have in the Luther League work? Should he ever be the President of the League? State reasons.

6. In an utterly untrained grouping, would there be any advantage in having the pastor as President of the League with the understanding that he should have several understudies and the best of these chosen at the earliest opportunity?

7. What is the position of the pastor relative to the many auxiliary groupings in the congregation? Is his basic position that of being mainly a tolerated observer, perhaps to begin and conclude the meeting with devotions? Is he, in effect, chiefly the leader of the divine services and perhaps the chairman of the yearly meeting and of the Board of Deacons? Why should he be frequently consulted by all the auxiliary organization leaders and lieutenants? Find Scripture quotations in this matter.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—Luke 19:1-10
Monday—Micah 5:1-8
Tuesday—Isaiah 58:1-14
Wednesday—Isaiah 59:1-21
Thursday—Jeremiah 31:1-19
Friday—Jeremiah 31:23-40
Saturday—Isaiah 48:1-22

November 12, 1933

Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity LEADERS IN ACTION

Acts 13:1-4, 44-52

(By Dr. Joshua Oden)

I Laying the Plans

1. Every leader must carefully think through a plan or a program for the organization which he is heading. The plan should cover:

- (a) A general survey of materials at hand.
- (b) The possibilities that may be developed.
- (c) Objectives to be obtained.

When carefully thought through, the leader calls in his co-workers and places the matter before them. It is not a cut and dried proposition, but the basis upon which discussion, criticism and resulting decisions will be formed. Without such preparation, there is a danger of the leader losing control of the general activity and the general direction of the work. Some other mind, as little prepared as the leader may be, might suddenly inject an unsuitable line of action, detrimental to the work. Details may be worked out in the committee, and many new ideas will come forth. The weakness of the plan may be revealed, and other new thoughts injected, the objective, however, remaining largely the same. The leader knows all the details about his plans, and becomes the general by whom the work is directed.

2. The leader wisely distributes the responsibility. In picking the committees, he will, because of the knowledge he has of his followers, distribute the responsibility of his program to such as are fitted to develop the plan in hand. In this he will wisely choose men and women who are capably fitted.

3. After responsibilities have been distributed, the leader will wisely keep himself in the background so as not to destroy the initiative on the part of such to whom the responsibilities have been delegated. The one to whom the task has been assigned must be held responsible for the assignment, and should this appointee fail, the leader must make this appointee feel the stigma of having failed in loyalty or faithfulness, or failed in fulfilling a promise once made. However, in such cases, the leader must be ready to use heroic measures to save a situation so as not to destroy the solidarity of the problem at hand.

II Some Illustrative Examples

Problem Number One

Plan a Luther League evening with the following suggestions: (1) Hymn-singing; (2) Devotional; (3) Business; (4) Reports; (5) Current church events; (6) Music; (7) The topic or a feature; (8) Social; (9) Refreshments; (10) Closing.

The meeting begins at 8 o'clock—not 8:05, or 8:10, or 8:15—but 8 sharp, one of the essentials very necessary for successful training and efficient work. The program will call for following workers and committees:

1. A choirster who has selected hymns, and begins the meeting on time. To him is delegated this responsibility. Sing until the group has been molded into one. The choirster should be the same from week to week.

2. The devotional responsibility should be rotated. Some thought should be given to this. Responsive reading, citation of Bible passages, response by Bible passage roll call, short exposition, vivid and urgent. A few prayers by the members. In such cases where the

response cannot be relied upon as being spontaneous, it may be well to select a number, say five or six, who in rotation will offer short prayers. A short Bible study may be injected here as a part of the devotions. It is very necessary that this Bible study differ from that of the Sunday Bible School classes.

3. The business should be cut to the bone, and informative. Except in extreme cases, most problems should be thought through by committees or the executive committee, and thus presented to the League.

4. Current events. Someone should be appointed to make a study of what is transpiring in the church, district, conference, synod, the Lutheran Church at large, and that which pertains to the Christian Church in general. This will not only prove profitable to the one making the research, but also stimulating and illuminating to the League.

5. The music committee will have charge of the music, and should as far as possible make use of home talent. Only once in a while should something from the outside be brought in. The League is a field of training for our own young folks.

6. The feature, besides the topic, may be a lecture, illustrated or otherwise, a debate, a sketch, guest speaker, or a stunt. A committee of three may have charge of the feature.

7. The social committee will function in this part of the program, and in most cases will also have charge of the refreshments.

In this program not less than fifteen or twenty will be actively interested in the realization of the above aim. In addition to this there is the reception and new membership committees that are constantly at work.

Problem Number Two

How would you plan and organize a Luther League District convention?

Problem Number Three

Work out in detail an organization for a local Pocket Testament League.

Problem Number Four

Study the high school department of your Sunday Bible School and other young people's organizations in your church, and set up a program which will co-ordinate these in the program of the Luther League.

Biblical Examples for Study

God's command to Moses to go forward—Exodus 14:15-20.

Elijah—I Kings 18:20-46.

Jesus driving out the money changers—Luke 19:45-48.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—Matthew 5:1-12
Monday—Micah 4:1-8
Tuesday—Isaiah 49:14-21
Wednesday—Isaiah 2:10-21
Thursday—Isaiah 63:1-6
Friday—Joel 2:1-11
Saturday—Joel 2:12-27

November 19, 1933

Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity SUPPORTING OUR LEADERS

Mark 6:7-13

(By Dr. Joshua Oden)

Leadership and followers go hand in hand. A leader can do nothing without his followers, and the efforts of followers will be scattered unless carefully guided.

1. Followers must have confidence in their leadership. In many cases, the election of leadership has been contrary to the leader's own wish, as many a leader is retiring in disposition and does not aspire to leadership. They are therefore placed in their positions contrary to their own desires. They have happened upon their leadership because of the confidence which their fellow workers have placed in them. Such confidence must be supported. Other leaders rise to the place of leadership because of demonstrated ability and because of an outstanding personality and training. Jesus was just such a leader. He was the ideal leader, possessing all of the qualifications necessary. Upon Him the disciples relied. There was never a question in their minds after they had learned to know Him but what they should do as He commanded. In the early part of His ministry, they sometimes questioned His wisdom, but after a while, even as Peter says, "I will follow Thee whithersoever Thou goest." When during the last week He had told them that it was necessary for Him to leave them, their hearts became filled with sorrow because they had so fully relied upon His leadership. What could they do without Him? How could they function? Where would they get their inspiration? Upon whom could they now rely? It was then that the Master said, "Let not your heart be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me." And the very last words that He said when He left to return to His Father's house were, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." It was this confidence in leadership that makes for a full, rounded-out development, and which fosters that happy relationship between leader and followers which makes for success.

2. The leader must be given an opportunity to work out his program. Oftentimes radical changes must take place. The wise leaders will not endeavor to rectify mistakes of a previous regime too abruptly. It is, therefore, necessary that he be given both confidence and time to gain the objectives at hand. He must therefore be loyally supported, by:

(a) Friendly advice.

(b) Constructive criticism made to his face where a most charitable construction is put upon all his actions. Many a leader has been discouraged because before his plans have matured, he has been jockeyed out of his position through undue criticism or a lack of confidence.

(c) Prayer is very necessary for the support of the successful leader. Nothing can be more helpful both for the leader personally and for his followers than to make him an object of sincere prayer and the realization of the program of action a certainty. This is so beautifully illustrated in the Biblical example of Moses and his brother Aaron and pal Hur. Moses was subjected to criticism of every possible kind. He was too old, he was too timid, he was no organizer, he had brought the children of Israel into a wilderness where they would starve. He had a disorganized, disgruntled group, and in addition to this he had the enemies without who were continually annoying him. You will remember how as long as he was in the attitude of prayer, his cause always won, but when he tired, his cause would lose. Aaron and Hur, in the beautiful figure of upholding the arms of the venerable old leader, brought vic-

tory to the cause. So our leadership must be well supported through the agency of prayer, manifested from consecrated Christian hearts. God always answers prayer, and a prayer for divine guidance has never yet gone unanswered.

3. Every member of a League may become a potential leader.

(a) By enthusiastically supporting the elected leadership. We are all human. We need enthusiastic encouragement. If your leader has done well, tell him so. If he has succeeded in bringing about something difficult, rejoice with him. If the project has succeeded only in part, share with him the difficulties. Study with him the mistakes and endeavor with him to profit by the mistakes made.

It isn't enough to say in our hearts
That we like a man for his ways.
It isn't enough that we fill our minds
With paeans of silent praise.
Nor is it enough that we honor a man,
As our confidence upward mounts—
It's going right up to the man himself
And telling him so, that counts.
If a man does a work you really admire,
Don't leave a kind word unsaid
In fear that to do so might make him vain,
And cause him to "lose his head."
But reach out your hand and tell him, "Well done!"
And see how his gratitude swells.
It isn't the flowers we strew on the grave—
It's the word to the living that tells.

(b) By enthusiastically giving publicity to the work of the League through telling others and extending invitation to others to come. This is so absolutely necessary.

(c) By enthusiastically taking part in the spiritual and social program. No leader can succeed without an enthusiastic, favorable, loyal group of followers. If you want to kill your League, any of the following eight ways will succeed:

1. Don't come to the meeting.
2. If you do come, be sure to come late.
3. If the weather does not suit you, don't think of coming.
4. If you attend a meeting, don't forget to find fault with the officers and other members.
5. Never accept an office for its lots easier to criticize than to do things.
6. Nevertheless, get sore if you are not appointed on a committee, but if you are, don't attend a committee meeting.
7. If asked by the chairman to give your opinion regarding some important matter, tell him that you have nothing to say, but after that meeting tell everyone how things ought to have been done.
8. Do nothing more than is necessary, but when other members roll up their sleeves and willingly and unselfishly use their ability to help matters, say that this or that department is run by a clique.

Biblical Examples

1. Co-operation. Naomi and Ruth: "Wither thou goest, I will go."—Ruth 1:16.
2. Moses and the children of Israel—Exodus 14:15-20.
3. Christ and the twelve disciples, each one chosen for a special gift. Because of this each one was of special value to the organization which Christ established, e. g., Peter, the spokesman; John, the "three-in-

one oil"—faith, hope and charity, but always ready to be used when the organization began to squeak; Andrew and Philip, the practical men; Judas, the treasurer, etc.

Problem Number One

What should be done in an organization where the leadership is not supported?

Problem Number Two

How may greater loyalty be stimulated in the local church and the church at large?

Problem Number Three

What effect will the distribution of responsibilities have upon the support of leadership chosen?

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday—John 5:19-26
Monday—Joel 3:1-13
Tuesday—Joel 3:14-21
Wednesday—Obadiah 1:21
Thursday—Nahum 1:1-15
Friday—Nahum 3:7-19
Saturday—Isaiah 10:5-27

November 26, 1933

Last Sunday after Trinity

MISSIONS AMONG AMERICAN INDIANS

Suggestions to Leaders: Since our mission study book was on Indians this year, this meeting should be very interesting and full of open discussion. Use an artificial campfire setting for this program. Discuss: History of Indians who used to live in your State; Indians in State today; Museum collections. Clip newspaper articles mentioning Indians. List outstanding citizens of Indian descent. Collect pieces of Indian work and pictures. Place some of the hard work on sale from our own Rocky Boy Mission. Send a Friendship Box to Rocky Boy for Christmas. Distribute leaflets, "The Indians' Appeal—Rocky Boy Mission" and "The Indians' Need Today." Get them from the Board of American Missions, 39 East Thirty-fifth Street, New York, N. Y. Tell the story of Yellow Bird, a Chippewa Indian, found in the Missionary Review of the World—July-August, 1932, under "Indians Who Have Made Good." It tells the story of Malcolm Mitchell.

No finer quartet of missionaries to North American Indians can be found than our group at Rocky Boy. Up in Montana, mother of mountains, is the reservation, not far from the Canadian border. It is an ideal location. The quartet of workers consists of two men and two women.

Meet Miss Florence Buckner. She heads up the only Luther League of original native Americans. She has the right approach, genial, tactful and friendly at all times. The Indian youth is devoted to her. She has plenty of initiative and recently organized a summer camp for Indian girls. They go away from their tents and tepees to a romantic spot of nature in the heart of the hills. Education is combined with recreation. Classes are held daily and prove so attractive and instructive that no prompting is necessary to insure a one hundred per cent attendance.

She introduced a daily vacation Bible school which has made marked progress. I wonder if she was not providentially guided in view of the latest developments. The United States Congress is closing six boarding schools. This throws 3,000 young men and women—all Crees and Cherokees—back into the reservations. You can imagine the keen disappointment in retarding the intellectual growth of the rising generation. Think of it! Two millions of dollars were cut from the Congressional budget for Indian work last year and four million dollars this year. That looks like a knockout.

The Indian Commissioners at Washington invited the Executive Secretary of the Board of American Missions, Dr. F. F. Fry, to meet with twenty-five other executives in the capital city. They told us the solid fact that "whatever good has been done to the North American Indians has come from home missionaries."

The urgent call was to safeguard the Indians, maintaining the present high standard and capable personnel.

Miss Buckner organized Camp Fire Girls which has made a big hit. She has supervision of all work among young people. We are highly fortunate in having a type of this kind.

Mrs. William H. Gable ably assists Miss Buckner. She is the efficient wife of the missionary and her all-round work is indispensable.

A rare specimen of sturdy, stalwart Cree is Malcolm Mitchell. He is a man, every inch of him, and towers more than six feet. He interprets all the Sunday and weekday services and activities to his people. He is loyal to the core and fills a challenging need.

At the head of the reservation is Missionary Gable, a full-statured Christian who wins confidence and is making an enviable record at Rocky Boy. The co-operation of the whole staff is so constant and refreshing as to have a beneficial effect upon our Indian wards. The new Mission House is a gem and has developed our equipment. A new spirit is infused and the results are correspondingly gratifying.

Our Indian work in Albuquerque is noteworthy. Classes of young Indians, twenty or more, are confirmed year by year. Our Indian work is recognized by the Government of the United States. Help it, Luther Leaguers. It is significant and vital.

Intermediate Topics

November 5, 1933

TRAINING LEADERS

Mark 3:13-19

No doubt every person at some time in life does aspire to be a leader. But being a leader requires much more than just wishing. As we look at the outstanding leader we sometimes feel that we could also be one if we were but given the opportunity. Sometimes we feel that some one else got better breaks than we did and that all we need is the chance.

This may be partly true, but on the whole very few leaders get their leadership in that manner. This is especially so for those who are Christian leaders.

In this topic we are thinking of the development of Christian leadership not only for Church positions, but also for secular offices too.

Leadership Defined

It is not at all difficult to find very many definitions of leadership. We offer ours to be considered with the rest.

We believe that it consists of just two parts. First, the leader must be able to see the goal of the future. Second, is like unto it, he must be able to see every step which is necessary to get from the place where the group now is to the place where he feels the group ought to be. Perhaps you had better study the definition again. It might come in handy some time.

Training

Obviously the most potent factor in training is education. Any boy or girl who hates education can hardly hope to become an outstanding leader. That education must include secular as well as the Christian truths of life. It is a sad mistake for boys and girls to quit school before they absolutely must. Leader-

ship today demands better education than ever before. The time will come in the near future when the person who does not have the college education will find it exceedingly difficult to acquire leadership in any particular field.

In thinking of the Christian education there are several things we might mention. None of these should be neglected because each offers a specific type of education and training background.

First, we would place the regular attendance at the **Church School**. Here are to be found the great fundamental teachings of the Christ and of the Christian religion. John Wanamaker, one of America's outstanding business leaders of all times, travelled as much as two hundred miles in order to be back in Philadelphia with his Bible class on Sunday.

Then comes the regular **Church Attendance**. Here is possible a type of education which can be had at no other place in our lives. The boy or girl who neglects church neglects something very vital to all leadership.

Of course, we would not forget the reading of the **Bible** in the Christian education for the person who desires to be in the position of leadership. Leaders in all walks of life use that book regularly in their private devotions. For it there is no substitute.

Then don't forget to avail yourself of the teachings found in the **Catechetical Class**. Here your pastor will present the great doctrines of the Church. There you will learn a great deal which should never be forgotten. It is very important to know just why we believe certain things and be ready to give an answer for your faith.

We might continue to name many more places where excellent training can be had. Certainly a person who neglects the opportunities of the League is making a very sad mistake. Then there are clubs and teacher training courses. These all help to give additional thought and extra background which is very much needed whether that leadership be in the church or in the office.

But then for the Christian leadership we should like to offer just three extra thoughts. It is assumed that all the other has preceded.

Consecration

The very first thing which we must expect in the Christian leader in Christian places is the supreme act of the consecration of the life. We cannot hope to become leaders in Christian service unless we have definitely and decidedly given all of our life over to the Christ. There must be a complete consecration of everything which we have. Our time, our talents, our money, our life. All must be placed on the altar of the Lord for Him to use just as He sees fit. We are no longer our own selves. We shall be just what He wants us to be. We shall go where He wants us to go. We shall say just what He wants us to say. We must be so consecrated that there is utter dependence upon Christ. Without this there can be no hope of even a correct start.

Conviction

There has been no effort to make any play on words, but following consecration there must be conviction of soul that the Lord wants us for a very definite piece of service.

If there are any doubts in your mind whether you should be a preacher, teacher, or missionary then you should by all means have those doubts removed before you decide to continue. There is no place in the Christian service for half-hearted leadership. Here only are desired those who can without reserve yield themselves to the task which is at hand.

There must be conviction that Christ has saved and does save you from your sins. There must be conviction that He can use you to make other people happier through His saving grace. There must be conviction that without Him you can do absolutely nothing. There must be conviction that all is done for the honor and glory of Christ and not for self.

Continuous

Many times people get the vision of being in Christian service and leadership, but fail to take into consideration the complete cost of the thing which they have started. This is sometimes very tragic.

Remember that once you have put your hand to the plow of Christian leadership there can be no turning back. If that first conviction was of the soul; if you were sincere in that first desire to serve man in the name of Christ; if you were honest in that conviction that you were called then you will never find any place in all the world which will give you satisfaction of life once you have started.

Here is no place to start with the idea of giving it a trial. Before the first definite step is made you must have once and for all time made up your mind that you are Christ's and that Christ is yours.

It will be hard. There will be times when it will be much easier to quit. There will be times when you will be disappointed and chagrined, but there is no turning back. From now on it is one continuous work for the Master. If you think that you might want to stop short of the grave, then don't start. You will be very sorry if you do. Rather go into that type of work where you are sure that you will be better fitted and where you are surer you will not want to stop same in the near future.

For those who have given their life to full time Christian leadership there is no rest, but His grace does stay with you and there is no other work where greater source of happiness can be found. That is, of course, provided you are consecrated and have conviction of your Master's plans for you. Otherwise it will be agony and a monotonous grind unto the end.

November 12, 1933

LEADERS IN ACTION

Acts 13:1-4, 44-52

Whether we're thinking of political leaders or church leaders; military leaders or industrial leaders, or leaders in any walk of life as a matter of fact; one thing is certain, namely: they are men and women of vision and action. They aren't sitting around dreaming dreams, but up and at it. Yes, leaders have dreams—dreams of service, of power, of influence, of wealth—dreams both good and bad, but dreams that are translated into reality through action.

What type of leadership do you aspire to? Is it in politics, in the professions, in industry, in the church, in the social order—where? Well, wherever it is, to

achieve real success—honorable to yourself, to your fellow men and to God—there are certain things you must be willing and prepared to do. They are:

1. Link up your ambitions and ability with God. The Almighty is the source of directed action such as to assure for you successful leadership in whatever field of service you choose to enter. Just as the early disciples in our lesson prayed for guidance and power to fulfill their mission in life, so should we. Supposing that all our political leaders, all our doctors, all our industrial captains, all our military generals, all our statesmen—leaders all—consulted God in prayer and counselled with Him about their plans, wouldn't this be an entirely different world?

2. Leaders in action must put aside all personal ambition in order to perform righteously in the sight of God and do right in the interests of those whom they are supposed to lead. There are two sides to our natures. One side is for self, the other for others. When the self-side is overstressed a warped individuality results, but when the "others side" is dominant the self-side develops straight and powerful. The fault of our age is in having too many self-side leaders. If you want to be helpful and a good neighbor self must be merged with others. So, our second thought is: Link up your best self with others.

3. The third thought is: Link up your lives with others. The captain of a sinking vessel is the last man to leave it. The captain of a company of soldiers is the first man to face the fire of the enemy. In like manner should your leadership be—always of a type willing to pay the price. As I am writing this an epidemic of sleeping sickness is taking the lives of hundreds of people in St. Louis. The cause of this dread disease is unknown, so three medical men volunteered to undergo the possibilities of death, allowing themselves to be bitten by mosquitoes which are believed to have drawn the sleeping sickness virus from other victims, in order that the cause might be known. By the same heroic means the puzzle of yellow fever and other plagues was solved. And by the same means the Gospel of Jesus Christ has reached to the darkest corners of the world. Are you ambitious to be a leader? Then be ready to pay the price.

4. The fourth thought is: Link up yourself with yourself. This may sound contradictory to what has been said above; but let us consider what is meant here. All progress in life has been due to someone who reached out and did something no one else thought of, and we owe much of our achievements in America to such seekers after facts and the truth. The Century of Progress, while the writer hasn't seen it, is doubtless an endless procession of achievements by men and women who dared to do what others never thought of doing or failed to do.

You and I are gifted differently. The course for each of us to follow is the course natural to us. You can't be me, and I can't be you, but we can each be ourselves. When a leader apes another he ceases to be a leader and becomes a follower. Of course, all leaders receive help from others and all leaders should counsel with others; but in the main real leaders are themselves. Keeping up with the Joneses makes you a follower, but when the Joneses keep up with you then you are a

leader. According to the promoters of the NRA code the time for rugged individualism is past. God pity our nation when that time comes. We have plenty of leaders who are virtually the slaves of money and other interests, and the time has come for a type of rugged individualism so empowered with the Spirit of God and the spirit of public service such as our country's fathers possessed.

5. Link up yourself with a will to win. This is our fifth and last thought. If you don't do this you're bound to sink under criticism and opposition. Paul and Barnabas never would have gotten very far in delivering Christ's message to the world had they turned back at the first point of opposition. Leaders are the most criticized and opposed people on earth. Not always because they deserve it, but because that seems to be the price one must pay to be a leader. If criticism is just, correct the cause; but if unjust, strengthen the will to win.

Suggestions

1. Use the Intermediate and Senior materials found in the Review.
2. Offer other suggestions on the topic.
3. Debate: A leader in action is inspired more by self fame than by the spirit to serve.
4. Is a leader in action in other fields less dependent upon God's help than is the ministry?

November 19, 1933

SUPPORTING OUR LEADERS

Mark 6:7-13; I Corinthians 3:1-9

Nothing can succeed unless there is competent leadership, but it requires much more than just leadership. The leadership itself must have the whole-hearted support of each of the persons who are being led. If this is not true then the organization will suffer. It can be of success only in proportion as the leader is pushed by each and every member of that organization.

Our League

First, we would naturally think of the leadership of our own League. Have you ever seen new officers being installed and how they were just ready to go and do the very best they could? Then within a few months those new officers have lost that fire of enthusiasm and things are going bad. Was it entirely the officers' fault? Not every time. Many times the officers have found that it was exceeding difficult to get the members to co-operate and to help to bring to pass the plans which they had outlined and which they had hoped to see in operation. They could not do it alone.

When comes your time to take the topic do you take it willingly or do you grumble about it and make the whole affair unpleasant and rather unsatisfactory? When you are asked to take some other part in the League's work, just what kind of response do you give? Do you accept your job and then do with all your might and strength? Do you stand back of your President through thick and thin? If you do, that is the thing which will make your League a success and the envy of all who wonder why.

Church School

What about the teachers in the Church School? Just how hard do they have to work with you to have you there each Sunday? Just how willing are you to

help whenever there is something for you to do? When the superintendent is asking for volunteers to help in some program just how quickly do you respond to do the best you can?

These leaders are there to help you, but if you won't be helped why should you blame the Church School as being dead and not worth anything. Start giving of yourself. Get back of those leaders and you will be surprised how much more you will find in the place that you thought was dead.

The Church

And then what about the Church's program? Have you ever asked your pastor just what you could do to help him make a better program for the Church? Do you think there would be any shock if your entire League should go to your pastor this week and say: "What can we do in the Church to make it bigger and better?" Just what would happen? Well, you might try it and see for yourself.

Are you backing up your councilmen who have been elected to lead the Church and its organization? Are you doing just everything which you can do? Well, if you are then you are some dandy outfit and more power to you.

Luther League of America

Are you backing up your national organization? Do you use its literature for each member of the League? Do you ever write to Headquarters and tell them what you think of the topics and what you would like to suggest to make them better? You will be surprised how willingly they will read your letters and answer them and tell you just what they are trying to do.

Do you pay your League dues? You know the organization must have some money coming in. Do you have any Contributing Memberships? Just what is your League doing in a very specific manner to back up the men and the women who are giving of their time and talents to help you have a better organization in your own town or city? Now just what are you doing? You might list them on the blackboard.

Government

And what is your League and its members doing to back up the leaders of our government whether of your own community or the national leadership?

Are you supporting them or are you condemning them? Of course, they will all make some mistakes. But are you trying to give them new ideas for better leadership? Are you being the very best citizen in your community that you know how to be?

What about the boys who damage public property? What about those who steal other folks' goods? And what about throwing paper over the streets or writing on the walls of the school houses or breaking windows in empty houses? Yes, how about it? You see there really are many ways of supporting our leaders even though we are not old enough to vote for them yet.

Christ

In the life of every boy or girl the supreme leadership should be none other than Christ. But how are you supporting His leadership? Are you doing what He would have you do? Are you saying what He would have you say? Are you being just what He would have you be?

Sometimes we think we might get away with things. But we do not get away with anything with Christ. He

sees us just for what we are and nothing else. It is good to remember that we are fooling no one but ourselves and least of all are we fooling Christ.

If Christ is the leader of Christian people, then let us forsake all others and follow Him wherever He says. If we do we shall never be sorry. No one was ever sorry for being good.

November 26, 1933

MISSIONS AMONG THE AMERICAN INDIANS

John 1:6-13

Suggestions to Leaders: Follow suggested program in Quarterly Helps. Then consider materials here and in Senior section. Use artificial campfire setting for this program. Discuss history of Indians who used to live in your State; Indians in State today; Museum collections. Clip newspaper articles mentioning Indians. List outstanding citizens of Indian descent. Collect pieces of Indian work and pictures. Place some of the handwork on sale from our own Rocky Boy Mission. Send a Friendship Box to Rocky Boy for Christmas. Distribute leaflets, "The Indians' Appeal—Rocky Boy Mission" and "The Indians' Need Today." Get them from the Board of American Missions, 39 East Thirty-fifth Street, New York, N. Y.

Two Good Samaritans

The Indian has two good Samaritans desirous of lending him every help possible for body and soul. They are the Government and the Church. Through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Government has developed a broad policy and program for the welfare of Indians. Its policy is, according to Secretary Wilbur, "To make of the Indian a self-sustaining, self-supporting citizen just as rapidly as this can be brought about. The Indian shall no longer be viewed as a ward of the nation, but shall be considered a potential citizen."

The Government

To accomplish a fulfillment of its policy the Government has instituted a similar broad program which includes:

1. Granting of citizenship rights to all Indians.
2. Protection of land rights from greedy industrialists and agriculturalists. As a result of this program many Indians are wealthy due to receiving royalties on oil brought in on their lands, and many others are prosperous farmers on lands that are provided with irrigation facilities.
3. Opening of schools to teach sanitary rules of health, modern home life, business methods, industrial trades, agriculture, and the professions.

The Church

The Government does not give direct religious instruction, but encourages the Christian missions in their work of religious education and activities. Even before the Government took over the affairs of the Indians missions of the Church were active in their interests. The Catholic Church was doubtless among the first religious bodies to work among the Indians. Now many religious groups (some Interdenominational) are doing a most efficient work. The chief groups of such workers are The Home Mission Council, and the Council of Women for Home Missions. Many more workers are needed for only one-third of the 350,000 Indians are Christian.

Our Lutheran Church

The United Lutheran Church in America, however, had no specific work among the Indians until in September, 1928, the mission plant at Rocky Boy, Montana, consisting of a chapel, a school house, a parsonage, and several minor buildings, was transferred to the United

Lutheran Church in America by the National Indian Association. In October of the same year, the United States Government, through the Department of the Interior, formally granted free use of the 80 acres of land on which the mission is located, to our Church. The contract states expressly that "it is for mission purposes only."

Rocky Boy Reservation

The Cree and Chippewa Indians on the Rocky Boy Indian Reservation were once wandering, homeless Indians scattered over the vast regions of the Northwest. But in 1916 our United States Government gathered together more than 450 of them and placed them in the Bear Paw Mountains in northern Montana. The Reservation extends over 108 square miles. The number of Indians on the Government roll has increased to about 650 at the present time.

Our Mission

The mission at Rocky Boy is under the direction of the Board of American Missions. The Women's Missionary Society appropriates \$5000 annually for this work. This pays the salaries of the missionaries and of Malcolm Mitchell, an Indian interpreter, and provides for the maintenance of the mission.

Since the mission was taken over, a modern and well-equipped parsonage has been built and an electric plant installed. These add much to the comfort of the mission staff. The former parsonage was used as a Post Office and a Mission House until destroyed by fire in March, 1932. A special appeal has been sent out for donations towards the rebuilding of the Mission House. Until this is replaced, industrial work must come to a standstill and further progress be seriously crippled.

The missionary in charge serves as postmaster, a position which brings him in daily contact with hundreds of Indians and affords him a rare opportunity for personal work. The staff at present consists of Rev. William H. Gable, Mrs. Gable, Miss Florence Buckner, and Malcolm Mitchell, the Indian interpreter.

Organized work consists of church services, Sunday School sessions and a Women's Missionary Society. A Girls' Club, Boys' Club and Light Brigade are also active. A Woman's Club meets weekly to sew. All sewing materials are supplied by the mission through the Box Work Department. A night school for men is conducted three nights a week during winter months.

Mrs. Gable has developed quite an industry among the women in the bead work for which the Indian women are famous and by means of which they can help substantially in the family support. The sales have grown to such an extent that it has become necessary to issue a catalogue. This can be obtained from the mission or through Literature Headquarters, Philadelphia, Pa. Consignments of bead work should be ordered from Mrs. Gable.

An Indian Christian

Malcolm Mitchell, the native Christian interpreter, is a true follower of Christ, and Rocky Boy Mission finds in him a bulwark of strength in helping to minister to the needs of his race. Before Malcolm became a Christian, he led a somewhat checkered career.

At the present time Malcolm is the mail carrier from Rocky Boy to Box Elder, a small town sixteen

miles away. He is presiding officer of the Indian Committee which carries on affairs for the Indians with the Government. He is also judge in the court which the Indians maintain in order to bring to trial those who have been unruly. Thus, Malcolm is in a position to wield a powerful Christian influence among members of his own tribe.

Problems

The great problem of the missionary is to bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Indian in such a way as to instill into his mind a vision of hope for this world and for eternity. One of the great practical problems is to train the educated and half-educated youth to take his place in the world outside the Reservation. So long as he remains on the Reservation and is semi-dependent there is little opportunity for development. How can we blame the girl or boy educated outside the Reservation for going "back to the blanket" when there is nothing but the tepee and blanket to which he can return?

JUNIOR TOPICS

November 5, 1933

A JUNIOR TRAINS FOR WORK IN THE CHURCH

Mark 3:13-19

Aim: To show the Juniors that the are workers in the church; to help them know that they must have training to do the Lord's work; and to help them prepare for that work.

(A Blackboard Meeting)

(Use the blackboard freely. Get the Juniors to discuss the various subjects and have one of them list the points on the blackboard.)

Leader: We all like to hear stories of leaders. Jesus in His work and life here needed helpers and He called some leaders. Will ——— tell us about these?

Junior tells story of the calling of the twelve—of Peter, John and James, etc. (Mark 3:13-19.)

Leader: Today in the church we need leaders more than ever to do all the work there is to be done, and Juniors have a share in this. There is much they can do. First let us think what leaders must be to do their work well.

Juniors (letters are put on blackboard and Juniors suggest terms for each—these are suggested):

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| o | yous | U | nselfish | E | nthusiastic |
| U | nited | T | rustworthy | A | mbitious |
| N | eighborly | H | eroic | G | od-fearing |
| I | ndustrious | E | arnest | U | ntiring |
| O | bedient | R | eliable | E | nduring |
| R | eady | | | | |

(Have the Juniors suggest other terms. Speak on each and give illustrations—Lincoln for Just, Samuel for Obedient, Franklin for Industrious, etc.)

Leader: What kind of workers does the church need today?

Juniors (let them suggest—write list on board):

Pastors, Deaconesses, Missionaries, Choir Members, Bible School Teachers, Officers, Church Councilmen, Leaders in Women's Missionary Society, Brotherhood, Luther League, Business Men to do the Church's Business.

(Talk over the work of each. What would you like to do?—asking each Junior.)

Leader: What must you do to train for work in the church?

- Love the Lord
- Believe in God
- Pray—Read the Bible—Be faithful in Bible School
- Live every day as God would have us live
- Try to find out what God wants me to do
- Learn what training workers need
- Decide to work for Him in the Church

Leader: What training does a deaconess receive? What training must one have to be a missionary? What training must one have to be a pastor? Where can one get such training? What is the best preparation now? (Doing one's best in school as a Junior.) (The superintendent should be ready to answer these questions and tell the Juniors of the work, holding up to them ideals of what they may do when they are older.)

Leader: Do we need to wait until we are grown up to work in the church? What can we do as Juniors?

Juniors (have Juniors suggest and have written on blackboard):

Come regularly to Bible School
Do faithfully all the work of the Junior League
Help keep the room tidy and help in keeping all church property in order
Visit the sick
Bring new members
Mend hymnals
Start a file of pictures to be used by all the organizations of the church
Assist in special programs—Easter, Christmas, etc.
Arrange special programs for Children's Day, Mother's Day, etc.
Let the Juniors add to this list

Leader: Let us decide some bit of work in our own church which the Junior League can do. (Let the Juniors decide on some work about the church they are willing to do. It would be well to have suggestions from the pastor as to something within the children's abilities which he would like them to undertake. Distribution of church bulletins, providing flowers for the altar, or any of the suggestions above may be adopted. Start the Juniors' training by having them undertake some work for their own church.)

Verses to be written on the blackboard and memorized:

Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.—James 1:22.
Even a child maketh himself known by his doings.—Proverbs 20:11.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

Hymns:

"Can a Little Child Like Me?"
"Work For the Night Is Coming"

November 12, 1933

STORIES OF SOME OF OUR CHURCH'S LEADERS

Acts 13:1-14, 44-52

(A Story Meeting)

Aim: To acquaint the Juniors with the stories of some of the great leaders of the church; to have them find out what qualities made these men great; and to have them strive to follow the example of these leaders.

Procedure: Assign the different heroes and groups of people mentioned in the discussion to a number of Juniors the week before and have them come prepared to tell the stories of each. The superintendent should be ready to give the Juniors the information necessary, or tell the Juniors where to find it. The pastor might be willing to assist by giving needed information or by loaning books. Train the Juniors to investigate the topics and search for material.

Bible Story: Some great church workers—Paul and Barnabas at Antioch—Acts 13:1-14, 44-52.

Hymns:

"Faith of Our Fathers"
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Thy Word"

Verse, to be given by a Junior:

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time.

Leader: Our country has some great heroes. We all have learned from the time of our earliest childhood of Washington and Lincoln. Let us think of some of the things which made them truly great.

Juniors (two Juniors previously assigned tell a few facts about Washington and Lincoln, telling principally of the qualities which made them great and their Christian ideals).

Leader: Our church also has had some great leaders and needs more and more of them today. We have heard of Paul the great missionary. Let us hear some more of the story of this great hero of the early church.

Junior tells a few facts about the work of Paul. (If you have the pamphlet "Daily Bible Readings on the Life of Paul" in your Handbook, you can use the facts given on back.)

Leader: Let us hear briefly of some other heroes whose stories we find in the Bible.

Juniors may select their favorite Bible hero and tell story, or material in topics booklet, "Bible Heroes" may be used.

Leader: The early church needed many heroes and we have stories of many followers of Christ who became heroes. We do not know all their names, but we know of their work. Often the new church was established through sacrifice and blood and suffering, even loss of life. In each country there rose up a man who led the people and helped to establish the Christian Church. We have names like Savanarola, Huss, Wycliffe, Calvin, Zwingli—who can tell us about these?

Juniors previously appointed tell briefly the stories of the Reformation in the countries of Europe, stressing these leaders.

Leader: The great founder and leader of the Lutheran Church was who?

Juniors review the story of Luther by giving facts they know. (This might be given in the form of a serial story, one Junior beginning the story, another taking it up at a certain point, and so on, until all have contributed and the story is told.)

Leader: Who can tell the story of some other of our great Lutheran leaders?

Junior tells story of Muhlenberg and the planting of the Lutheran Church in America.

Junior tells story of Passavant and the establishment of hospitals.

Leader: People from all parts of Europe came to America to help establish the church here and all of them had to be heroes. Who can tell of some of them?

Juniors tell of various groups:

The Pilgrims, who came to worship God as they wanted.
The Quakers and their leader, William Penn.
The Moravians in Bethlehem, Pa.
The Jews, who fleeing persecution came to this land. Stress Mary Antin, Edward Steiner.
The Roman Catholics and their priests—Father Marquette.
The Scandinavian Lutherans and their settlement of the northwest.
The Salzburg Lutherans and their settlement in Georgia. (Assign these previously to the Juniors and help them prepare the stories. Some may be found in the public libraries.)

Leader: Let us remember these heroes, let us think of the things which made them great, and let us strive to follow their example.

Prayer: Our dear Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the stories of the great men which we have heard. We thank Thee for their great lives, their loyalty, their love for Thee and the church. We ask for help in following their example. We ask that more leaders may

be found to carry on Thy work. We ask also that we may so be trained that we may become workers in Thy Church. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

November 19, 1933

A JUNIOR SUPPORTS OUR LEADERS

Mark 6:7-13; I Corinthians 3:1-9

(An Exercise Meeting)

(Have the Juniors prepared to give the exercises suggested at the appropriate time.)
Aim: To show the Juniors that they have a part in the work of the church and to help them find out how they may help support the leaders.

Bible Story: The leaders of the early church sent out—how they worked—Mark 6:7-13; I Corinthians 3:1-9.

Leader: The leaders of our church who are doing God's work need our support and help. They are doing great things for the Master and we can aid them in more ways than one. Let us find out some of the ways in which we can help.

Exercise: "The Helping Hand." (A Junior draws a large hand on the blackboard. Five Juniors tell five ways in which we can help our leaders and write the word on one of the fingers.)

1. We can pray. Our workers need our prayers. If our pastor knew that in Junior League we were praying for him and his work, I believe he would be helped. If we pray for our Sunday School teachers, for our Junior League superintendent, for all those in our own church, it will help. If we pray for all the leaders of the church, the work will grow. Our missionaries need our prayers.

(Let Juniors form a prayer circle, and pray by name for the workers of your own church, the leaders of the church, and the missionaries about whom they have learned.)

2. We can study. We must know about the church's work if we want to help it. We can study about the deaconess work. We can learn about our church and how she works. We can learn about the Boards of our church and what each does. Through the study of our Junior topics we can learn about living a Christian life. We can have a Junior Mission Study Class and learn all about the missionary work of our church. By studying about the work we can support our leaders.

3. We can work. The church always needs more workers. We Juniors—though we are but small—can help. The leaders can plan the work, but it must be carried out by the workers in each church. The Luther League of America makes plans, but each League must support the leaders of the National League by working these plans in their own League. The Junior Leagues must work out the plans for the Junior Department, the Junior Secretary cannot. So with the church, we can work in our own church to carry out the plans made and support our leaders.

4. We can give. We can give money. Missionaries must be brought home, new churches cannot be built, all the work is hindered by lack of funds. We can support our leaders by giving money. We can also give time, by helping in various tasks about the church. There are many things Juniors can do.

If there is something special that we can do well—sing, play, be neighborly to strangers, preside well in the Junior League, tell stories—these are talents—we can give talents.

5. We can go. We can think about the need of giving the Gospel to the whole world. When we grow up some of us may be able to go to some other land and tell about our Saviour. We can support the leaders in this way.

Leader: Pray—Study—Work—Give—Go! Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do—do it with thy might.

Exercise: "The Missionary Dollar and What It Does" (order from Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.—2 cents).

Leader: How can we give more to missions? (Plans made for some missionary enterprise.)

Exercise: "How Can I Give More to the Church?" (order from Luther League Headquarters, 2 cents).

Leader: How can we give more to our church and our League? (Plans made for some enterprise for your church.)

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WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

Materials: Order from Women's Missionary Society, 723 Muhlenberg Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

What Difference Does It Make?—a Unit on Africa by Emily J. Werner.

For other suggested helps see the October Review.
Aim of Course: See page 2 of booklet.

Session II

What Difference Does Knowing Jesus Make?

Reference: Pages 14-20 of booklet.

Since it is not practicable to cover all the material in six sessions, the leader should read the entire course and choose carefully the features best suited to her group. The following outline is suggested; it may be varied as found advisable.

Pre-Session Period: Looking at pictures of Africa. Rolling bandages for hospital in our African mission. Reading from books on Africa.

Story: The Blue Charm. Page 12 of booklet.

Discussion Following Story: Page 12. Knowing Jesus makes the difference between fear and trust.

Worship Period: Page 12.

Story: How Simon Became Peter the Rock. Page 19.

Poem: My Master and My Boat.

Conversation bringing out the point that knowing Jesus makes the difference between guilt and assurance of forgiveness; affords a chance to keep close to Jesus and learn of Him.

Hymn: "O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus."

After the Program: Work on frieze. Picture map of Africa. Making of individual worship books.

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THE LITTLE LEAGUERS' PROGRAMS

Theme: JESUS SHARED HIS WORLD WITH US

THANKSGIVING

November 5, 1933

GOD SHARES HIS WORLD WITH US

Handwork: To create interest—Creation Story Handwork Color Cards.

Stories: Supplementary teacher's booklet with "Creation Story Cards."

Hymn: "God Who Made the Heaven and Earth."

Verse: "He Careth For Me."

Procedure: Finish several of the cards, then talk of God's great world. Discuss some of the gifts God has given us, sun, food, air, beauties of the world, etc. Tell stories from booklet. Have prayers, thanking God for His goodness.

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THANKING THE HEAVENLY FATHER

Creation Story continued—Color Cards finished. Stories told from booklet. Thanksgiving thought added for all the beauty of our world.

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A THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

Doubtless your Juniors will be giving a Thanksgiving program. Have the group of Little Leaguers join them for this meeting. For their part of the program retell the stories, sing the hymn, and have each give a short prayer of thanks for God's gifts and care.

November 26, 1933

SHARING THANKSGIVING

Handwork: Pilgrim Panel Posters—Let the Juniors have these started, if time is short.

Procedure: Tell of Pilgrims, their sharing of the first Thanksgiving. Tell Bible stories of Thanksgiving. Sing hymn.

Expression: Plan to carry gifts to some needy folks.

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