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MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD CONVENTION
Visions for Valpo
MISS LILLIAN MANDEVILLE

The morning of May 9 found us wending our way to Valparaiso once again to be of the Valparaiso University Guild. Some of you who were present last year missed dearly—and then there were new personalities with which we proudly made acquaintance. Again we enjoyed a wonderfully educational and encouraging session with our fellow members of the Guild and associates of the University.

Professor H. H. Kumnick opened the morning meeting with devotion. There seemed prevalent this year from the very beginning a certain element of serious consideration as we noted our Christian flag shrouded in black. That the war was not to dampen our VISIONS for our University we soon learned.

Miss Louise Nicolay, national secretary, read the minutes of last year’s unforgettable meeting and they were approved. One very important passage, which Miss Nicolay brought to our attention again, was an excerpt from President Kretzmann’s address to the Guild members last year: “In making our University the great school that it is, the basic requirements are a good faculty, a good student body and a great spirit.” It is these essentials we shall do our very utmost to everlastingly maintain.

Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, our national president, in her charming executive fashion, addressed the assembly, guiding us with a firm but delicate hand to our responsibilities in this period of unrest: our faithful duties on the homefront, our loyalty to the Guild and its officers, and our conscientious endeavor in the offices we might hold. During the last year of her office there were several victorious memories which Mrs. Hoppe is proud to perpetuate: the publishing of the Guild Bulletin and the pamphlet “A Cloud with a Silver Lining,” and the launching of the five year drive to achieve this VISION—Guild Hall. She brought to us knowledge and encouragement to our principal duties as Guild members: to foster student enrollment, since we must have a good student body to make up our stellar University. ALL members must participate—talk to the youth and parents—talk Valpo—circulate literature—and increase our membership, which is now less than one percent of the membership of women within the Synodical Conference. After a tribute to her assisting officers and committees for their beautiful work and cooperation, our president prayed to God: “Guide our way, if we lead ourselves we are sure to stray.”

The Rev. G. W. Lobeck in his financial report commended the Guild for its support and inspiration to the University. Receipts from July 1, 1941 to May 7, 1942 were as follows: Memberships, $2,445.25; Guild Hall Fund, $7,104.09; Special Gifts, $147.13; making a total of $9,691.47. This accomplishment is soaring to new heights in the enthusiasm for our project and it will be considerably larger at the end of our fiscal year in June.

Our state chairmen presented new chapters as follows: Mrs. E. F. Stegman of Indiana presented Indianapolis—and with a twinkle in her eye stated that there were other prospects, too. Union Chapter in Ohio is the result of efforts on the part of Mrs. H. C. Knust. Mrs. F. C. Proehl of Milwaukee presented Clintonville as a new chapter and added that Reedsburg is in the process of organization. The Chicago Juniors now belong to the Guild and were presented by Mrs. Arthur Taube, who is also doing her best to organize in Quincy, Illinois. Even so far away as Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, we are expanding—our hard working president, Mrs. Hoppe, organized a chapter there. We welcome you with hearts sincere, you five new members of our happy and ambitious Guild family!

After nominations were accepted from the floor, the committee presented the following slate for election of officers for the year 1942-43:

**PRESIDENT:**
Mrs. Arthur Taube Mrs. M. W. Hemmeter
Mrs. Arnold Scherer

**FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:**
Miss Louise Nicolay Mrs. E. W. Schultz
Miss Emma Stoeckert Mrs. Henry Born
Mrs. C. W. Ely

**SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT:**
Mrs. Wm. Boeger Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer

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The results of the election which took place in the later session were:

President ................................... Mrs. Arthur Taube
First Vice-President ...... Miss Louise Nicolay
Second Vice-President .... Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer
Secretary .................................... Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert

We congratulate you, our new officers, and may you be guided by a heavenly light in each of your tasks. We, who so proudly elected you, pledge to you our very best efforts!

Mrs. Arthur Taube, president-elect

Mrs. Taube presented the Guild's "Special" gift to the University: five beautiful copies of present day masterpieces. These colorful paintings will adorn the walls of the University halls, adding much to their artistic aspect. This gift was graciously received by Mr. Stanley Bielecky, head of the Art Department, who gave a short explanation of the paintings.

President O. P. Kretzmann addressed the afternoon session. "Since our last meeting together May 3, 1941, so much has happened to the world and to our school," the president said. "So many adjustments have been necessary in our daily life and future plans because of the present day crisis. We are realizing a mother's responsibility in faith to lead on with the strength of the cross as our encouragement. At the school this has not been a period of waiting—it has been a time of work." He emphasized that "Our words are now facts: those Christian ideals radiate on the campus of the school—in its atmosphere; not dejection but busy application at present and hope for the future. . . . We must live momentarily, and live with VISIONS." The president encouraged us with the thought of Sir Robert Shirley: "Highest hopes are attained in the darkest hours—the best things in the worst times." With this in view, we as Guild members must help keep up our enrollment. It should not be an effort when we are familiar with the attributes the University has to offer!

The winners of the letter writing contest were announced:

First place: Eleanor Hahn Junke, Mt. Clemens, Mich.
Second place: Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, South Bend, Ind.
Third place: Mrs. E. W. Nuechterlein, Saginaw, Mich.

Congratulations to these winners for excellent work, and to the other participants for their efforts in this contest.

The campaign for funds intended for our $75,000 VISION, is rolling faster and faster every day—and gathering many greenbacks along the way. Mrs. Taube told the good news that the Chicago chapter exceeded its year's goal and the rest of Illinois is working hard; Mrs. Stegman stated that Indiana, whose goal is $3,700, has already collected and pledged $3,140; Mrs. Hemmeter spoke for Michigan's enthusiasm in attaining its goal and pledged the support of the chapters in her state; Mrs. Knust of Ohio said that her state is practicing—"patience, perseverance, persistence, and a lot of perspiration!" There's no stopping such enthusiasm. Mrs. Proehl proudly reported on the achievements of Wisconsin and specifically of Milwaukee where already pledges have reached $2,296. After three years' of endeavor I'm sure there shall not be a cloud—just the silvery lining.

The following resolutions were presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, the revisions committee had insufficient time to complete the work assigned to it for the October Board meeting, and
WHEREAS, the members of the committee did not live in the same locality in order to meet more often

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the vote on the revision of the Valparaiso University Guild constitution be withheld at this meeting, so that further study may be given this important matter, and

Be it further resolved that a new committee be appointed by the president, the personnel of which shall live in close proximity so as to meet more conveniently.

WHEREAS, it would be of value to keep a record of important activities of the national Guild,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that a social minute book for future use and reference be kept.

WHEREAS, the Lutheran University Association Board of Directors resolved at its recent meeting that hereafter a suitable current funds project be earmarked annually for support by the dues of the Valparaiso University Guild,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we recommend to President Kretzmann that he consider and recommend important improvements at Altruria and earmark the 1942-1943 dues for the above project.

RESOLVED, that the Guild emblem which won the award in 1941 be officially adopted by the Guild.

WHEREAS, our beloved country is engaged in a world conflict, and

WHEREAS, the religious liberty and the freedom of people in general, for centuries cherished by our American nation, is challenged by the ultimate outcome of war, and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we show thankfulness to God Almighty for this priceless possession of liberty which we have enjoyed in the past, and

WHEREAS, we owe loyalty to God, to our country, and to our posterity,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we, the members of the Valparaiso University Guild renew our pledge of allegiance to our beloved country; that we assist her in this crisis in whatever way possible, giving ourselves willingly to her cause, and cheerfully lending our substance; that we pray in our hearts that peace may again be established and that through it the preaching of God's Holy Word may have free course the world over.

RESOLVED, that the Guild give a vote of thanks to all the participants in the letter writing contest, and that we herewith congratulate the winners.

RESOLVED, that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. R. C. Klemz of the Home Mountain Publishing Company, South Bend, Indiana for her contribution in printing material for the Guild.

WHEREAS, there is a need for office furniture in Recital Hall,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Guild "Special" for 1942-1943 be a director's table for this room.

WHEREAS, the annual report of the Guild president to the 1942 convention contains valuable information of general interest to the membership at large,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the president's report or excerpts be printed in the post convention issue of the Bulletin.

WHEREAS, the publication of the Guild Bulletin is filling an important need in the development of our work, and

WHEREAS, the editing of this Bulletin entails considerable time and effort, and

WHEREAS, our secretary, Miss Louise Nicolay, and the Guild president have assumed this responsibility with outstanding results,

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that we convey a vote of thanks to them and in particular to Miss Nicolay for assuming the responsibility of the editing of the Bulletin.

WHEREAS, our annual convention has proved of profit and enjoyment to all who attended, be it resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to all those who made contributions to the program, especially the following:

To President O. P. Kretzmann for his stimulating remarks;
To Mrs. E. N. Moore for her instructive talk;
To Prof. H. H. Kumnick;
To Rev. G. W. Lobeck;
To Mr. Charles Kern;
To Dr. E. Seuel of the Concordia Publishing House for the convention booklets;
To the Convention Social Committee, Mrs. Richard Schoenbohm, Mrs. Karl Henrichs, Mrs. Ben Schumacher, Miss Ruth Genuit, Miss Ella Reinking, and Miss Louise Nicolay;
To Mr. A. F. Scribner;
To Mr. J. Garrison;
To Mrs. Ad. Haentzschel and Mrs. W. C. Birkner.

WHEREAS, the Guild is deeply grateful for the progress made under the able leadership of its retiring officers: Mr. W. N. Hoppe, president; Mrs. Arthur Taube, first vice-president; Mrs. Arnold Scherer, second vice-president; and Miss Louise Nicolay, secretary.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Guild extend to them a hearty vote of thanks.

Mrs. E. N. Moore of Cleveland, a perfectly charming speaker, whom we are mighty proud to call a sister in our Guild, enlightened her listeners on a subject with which we all should like to be much better acquainted: Church Art and Symbolism. How St. Patrick explained the Holy Trinity with the shamrock and the many representations of Holy Trinity in the present day Church, the explanation of the cross of Paul, of Peter, and of Andrew—all these references she explained in her verbal beauty as she took us from the entrance to the altar of the church. Her address appears elsewhere in this Bulletin and I feel sure that in reading this article you will be enlightened in the study of Church Art and Symbolism.

The retiring officers: for all their efforts and achievements, for all their faithfulness to their duties, for all their encouragement to the Guild members at large, for their worthy advice in the future, we thank sincerely, God, for such good and gracious women.

The new officers were installed by President Kretzmann and given encouragement to reach a goal, with the help of God. Our convention closed with the invitation to attend the graduation exercises the following day—and this was indeed a great pleasure for the visiting Guild members.

For all your days, prepare
And meet them ever alike.

When you are the anvil, bear;
When you are the hammer, strike!
and so to our VISION for Valpo—VICTORY!

THE TEA

Once again Altruria's reception room swelled with sociability at a 4:00 o'clock tea. We sipped our pretty yellow punch and nibbled on dainty cookies to the liquid melody of DeBussey's "Clare de Lune" played by Miss Ruth Shafer, pianist from Montana.

The table decorations were of a yellow and green color scheme—the floral centerpiece being an interesting yellow Chinese rose. Miss Elizabeth Rechenberg, German teacher, and Miss Martha Carlson, of the General Office Staff, poured. Miss Margaret Selle assisted Miss Shafer in the musical background on her cello. Again the freshmen girls busied themselves serving.

We always enjoy visiting Altruria—seeing the beautiful atmosphere of Christian influence among these young girls.

THE BANQUET

Of this Eleventh Annual Banquet of the Valparaiso University Guild may I bring to you this one thought: "One crowded evening of this glorious life is worth an age without a name." Mrs. Richard Schoenbohm and her ambitious committee again come to the top with flying colors in entertaining.

There was a shade of sadness—a note of sterner stuff—afloat as each of our tables formed a part of a huge "V" 'neath colorful showers of patriotic red, white, and blue streamers. It struck a delicate cord within each of the several hundred Guild members once more enjoying each other's companionship—to be a particular part in that Vigorous-Victory "V" for our war darkened, hapless country. Equally proud were we to be a part of that VISIONS-for-Valpo V—our chief VISION being Guild Hall which was before us on a huge drawing "A Cloud with a Silver Lining."

Following one of those delicious, miraculously-kept-warm, transferred-from-Altruria-Hall-to-the-University-Gym meals, during which Mr. Bertram Webber of the Cable Piano Co., Chicago, Ill., beautifully played soft melodies on the Orgatron, Mrs. Arnold Scherer, our pleasing toastmistress introduced the University Choir under the direction of Mr. Richard Schoenbohm, creating
atmosphere in song, and the Rev. A. C. Oldsen as narrator—in presenting a pageant of Early American History scenes: The Pilgrims landing at Plymouth Rock, first to trod on this Land of the free and the Home of the Brave; the building of America, a great nation, with but one God and all to worship Him in his own way; a nation with a Flag, denoting a symbol of freedom and unity! There was the red man and his dangerous arrow, his legends of the pale moon and music “From the Land of the Sky Blue Water”; the negro laboring in the cotton fields singing his colorful spirituals; and the early pioneer, battling so many hardships to cross the prairie—he toiled so feverishly so many years to build a nation—to hazard all in freedom’s fight—that today we pray to God to speed our comrades to a glorious victory on our present battlefield to preserve our country’s precious attributes so long sought for.

This EPIC OF AMERICA told in such grandeur by Mr. Schoenbohm’s Choir and Pastor Oldsen’s interesting narration created such enthusiasm in each of us to do our part toward present day peace and progress, whether for our United States or for Valpo’s Christian youth—that I’m sure when to each of us Duty whispers low “Thou must”—we can very firmly say “I can.”

**Convention Jottings**

By GERTRUDE HAENTSCHEL

The second decade for the Valparaiso University Guild was ushered in with the Eleventh Annual Convention, May 9 - 10, 1942. The members of the Guild began to arrive in town on Friday, May 9, and registered at the Lembke Hotel. A feeling of mingled joy and sorrow was in evidence—sorrow over the bloodshed and untold suffering the world over, and joy and thankfulness to God for His grace and goodness in permitting the Guild to meet again for the purpose of preparing for another year of usefulness to our beloved University. It was evident throughout the convention that the members realized, as never before, that they must look up and labor since there is so much work to do.

After the customary greeting of arriving guests by members of the local chapter, the Housing Committee helped the guests to locate their respective quarters. In the evening, all gathered in the lobby of the hotel to meet new and old friends. The Executive Board meeting at 8:00 o’clock, presided over by the president, Mrs. Hoppe, was opened with prayer by the Rev. G. W. Lobeck. Dean Walter Friedrich presented a possible building program in the vicinity of Lembke Hall. Attractive sketches were shown of what could be done to beautify a spot which has no beauty at the present time.

While the Board was meeting in one of the dining-rooms of the hotel, other guests were entertained in the lounge by Mrs. E. W. Marquardt, who showed beautiful pictures taken on a recent trip to Alaska, Lake Louise, and Banff. About seventy-five guests gathered to enjoy this treat, which was enhanced by Mrs. Marquardt’s descriptive lecture during the showing.

**A point which naturally always interests us is how many members have been gained and how many new chapters have been organized during a given year.**

We dare never forget the fact that opportunities lost cannot always be regained. No doubt there are members we might have enrolled who were won by others instead for various other endeavors because we were not at all times on the job as we might have been. Right?

**Much appreciation was expressed, however, throughout the convention for the decided financial gains made the past year and made the “hard way” in almost every case. Since, to quote Miss Nicolay, “It wasn’t by means of huge contributions the money was raised, but by collecting dimes and nickels and hard earned quarters.”**

Many comments were heard on a feature of the convention which none who was present could help noticing, namely the spirit of earnestness and good will that prevailed. Much of this feeling was due to the address made by President Kretzmann at both sessions, addresses that were serious and weighty and yet filled with a tone of such friendly confidence in the members of the Guild that they went to the hearts of his hearers and influenced the whole atmosphere of the convention.
As Mrs. Hoppe turns over the helm to the newly elected president, Mrs. Arthur Taube, she can look back on three years of uninterrupted service of genuine excellence and able executive direction for which she will ever be remembered by all members of the Guild far and wide.

Her principles as well as her convincing sincerity of purpose enabled her to overcome many obstacles along the way. Our hearts go out to her in profound gratitude and appreciation for an immense job well done.

Miss Nicolay, who is turning over her secretarial paraphernalia to Mrs. Ernest Schwiebert likewise deserves a rousing tribute for three years' faithful service during which time she masterfully performed her tremendous task without interruption.

As we say farewell to our beloved, faithful officers we welcome their successors to office and pledge them our wholehearted support.

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By the Grace of God the Guild was so successful last year in raising funds toward the $20,000 to be collected in two years for the erection of the Girls' Dormitory, Guild Hall, that, unless unforeseen difficulties arise, the goal will be reached by the end of the coming year, as planned. In spite of the unquestionable need of the new dormitory we must not forget, however, that in times like these money alone cannot build it. The war must be won first.

But let us be ready with the funds and leave the rest in God's hands. The time will come when we will be able to build on under those peaceful conditions which at this time seem so distant indeed.

Let us not forget to pray to the Lord to hasten the coming of that day.

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In concluding these brief jottings on the Eleventh Annual Convention it may be well to urge each and every Guild member to budget her time as never before, lest our work slow down due to war duties of various kinds demanding more and more of our time.

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Since the small flock of interested women organized the very first chapter eleven years ago the Guild has been immensely blest so that today we boast 45 chapters representing 2,800 members and eight states.

To Him all Praise and Glory!

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The Report of the President
Given at the Eleventh Annual Convention of the
VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY GUILD
May 9, 1942

We are living in a period of unrest. The world is experiencing history's worst war and every one of us is affected in a greater or lesser degree by the conditions and affairs provoked by this raging conflict. Whether we live in a large city, in a small town or hamlet, whether we are engaged in professional or business pursuits or whether as a homemaker we are caring for the family's daily physical needs and planning for their education and spiritual welfare—we are all in a changing world of new and serious responsibilities.

Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, president

The civilian program is requiring of us certain duties peculiar to our calling and ability. We are demonstrating our patriotism by giving financial aid to our government through the buying of War Stamps and Bonds. Our members everywhere are engaged in Red Cross work, they have enrolled in various defense courses, first aid and nursing, in order to better equip themselves to serve our country in this national emergency. Many have also registered as volunteer workers in other phases of civilian and home defense.
Certainly, all are doing their utmost on the home front in whatever effort for Victory they are best suited and equipped.

Under the pressure of this wartime responsibility you have for a brief interlude come to Valparaiso to attend the eleventh annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild. Under the stress of the times, your presence here this year is all the more significant. It denotes a greater loyalty and a deeper interest in your efforts for our Lutheran university. Therefore, to you—to all who are present in this assembly, we bid a most hearty welcome. To you who have come greater distances, which naturally involves an expenditure of more time and money, we are particularly grateful and we commend you for the added sacrifice. May all our members present derive from this meeting the particular benefit that they hope to gain. We trust that this session will furnish all Guild members with a new measure of inspiration and courage to continue in the service for Valparaiso. We note too, with pleasure, that a number of guests are honoring us with their presence. We thank you for your interest and invite you to join us in our deliberations.

It has been the practice, and I might say the esteemed privilege, of the Guild president to trespass to some extent upon your time and patience at these conventions, and give an account of the stewardship she enjoyed in your behalf. During my three years in office there has been a constant acceleration in my official program and this year’s activities have been particularly intensified. The following are pertinent incidents and highlights:

I. The resolution passed by the Executive Board of the Lutheran University Association on June 10, 1941, to the effect that the national president of the Guild be invited to attend all meetings of the Board is unquestionably an excellent plan. The Guild is an integral part of the L. U. A. and promotes the work that the association fosters, and so this plan is a perfectly natural one, and one that has often been considered yet did not materialize until last year. Your president has attended three of these Board meetings held at Valparaiso, thereby gaining a clearer and more comprehensive picture of the plans and purpose of the University.

II. It has been the aim of your officers to bring to you, by means of the Guild Bulletin, the business of the Guild and of its Executive Board, as well as of the Special Committees, as carried on during the course of the year. Three timely issues have reached you since the last convention: The post-convention Bulletin bringing to all members an account of the business and social features of the convention; the fall issue with a review of the business transacted at the Executive Board meeting, and other attractions; and the spring pre-convention number with information pertaining to the schedule, program and registration for this current convention. The Chapter Chatter column in the Bulletin is your column and if you enjoy reading it please take your turn in making a contribution by writing to the secretary of the Guild.

III. The souvenir booklet, “A Cloud with a Silver Lining,” which reached you recently is a publication incidental to the Guild Hall Fund Campaign, and about two weeks ago your mailman delivered to you a copy of the “Flash.”

IV. In addition to the foregoing publications, president’s letters were also sent out, and on three separate occasions letters were addressed to all presidents of chapters. These communications were sent at intervals or whenever plans or activities pertaining to the Guild reached a certain stage of development, and were intended not only for the Chapter presidents, but it was hoped that they in turn would impart the information contained therein to the members.

V. The Guild’s five-year major objective adopted at the 1941 convention—the raising of funds for a new residence hall for women, was formally launched on Jan. 17 of this year when the Campaign Advisory Committee, consisting of Mrs. Arnold Scherer, Miss Louise Nicolay, Mrs. H. C. Knust, Mrs. Arthur Taube, Mrs. E. F. Stegman, Mrs. M. W. Hemmeter, Mrs. F. C. Proehl and Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, chairman, met in Valparaiso to develop plans for conducting the campaign. All chapter presidents have received copies of the accepted plans and the Guild Bulletin has brought general information to all members concerning the operation of these regulations.

An appreciable number of very favorable reports of progress have been received, implying that the chapters are entering upon this work with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm.
Detailed reports with respect to the campaign will be received this afternoon.

It is my firm opinion that as the chapters continue to concentrate their efforts to share in this gift to Valparaso University the campaign will be brought to a successful conclusion.

As I am about to relinquish my office as president, there are several important phases of Guild work upon which I should like to place particular emphasis. These are not new to our general membership, but I believe them to be of sufficient importance to warrant attention in this report. The first of these is student enrollment, and it is one of the specific objectives for which we are organized. Many chapters have for several years sponsored a prospective student dinner or similar get-together of high school seniors for the purpose of arousing an interest for Valparaiso as the accepted University for their further training.

Within some of the larger centers it may be desirable for the Alumni Association to undertake this project, but in smaller communities the chapter may assist the alumni or if conditions permit, assume full responsibility. President Kretzmann and others of the administrative office will cooperate in every way possible in developing a suitable program for prospective student publicity.

My further thought with respect to this problem of bringing Valparaiso to the attention of the prospective college student is that it should not be left strictly to a formal committee or group, but that every member of the Guild—you and I as individuals—exert our influence. We can inform the prospects about Valparaiso and its educational ideals whenever the slightest opportunity presents itself. Talk to the youth of your acquaintance or/and his parents of the many advantages of training at our University. Valparaiso is still all too little known outside of our own small circles. So, whether at home or in some distant place—wherever your travels happen to carry you—tell the story of Valpo over and over again. To some it may be an old story, but to many it is yet of too little consequence. You can also put to work the literature that you receive from Valparaiso; L. U. A. Bulletin, pamphlets, circular letters, Guild Bulletin and other similar material. Make these do double duty by passing them on to others or send them through the mails to friends or relatives in near or far away places. The opportunity and the privilege to advertise the school is ours, let us not pass it by.

The other phase of activity to which I would call attention is closely allied to the one just mentioned. It concerns the need for increasing the membership of the Guild. The Guild By-Laws provide for State Chairmen, whose duty it is to assist in increasing the Guild membership through the organizing of new chapters. Your local organization makes some provision for growth, through some accepted plan. Perhaps you have a membership committee for this purpose, then by all means continue to work through this channel. But when we think of the vast number of women members in our Synodical Conference and that the Guild membership consists of less than one percent of this number we realize the importance of a more wide-spread activity in this direction. Again, too few women realize the need for our University. Here then is the big opportunity for all Guild members to assist in the expansion of the Guild.

Let each one of us, individually, resolve anew to make a consecrated effort toward the development of the Guild.

There has at all times been a very close working arrangement between your president and our secretary, Miss Louise Nicolay. And it is to her that I publicly express the sincerest appreciation for her fine secretarial work, her helpfulness, her promptness and her many invaluable suggestions. It is to her that we all owe our gratitude for the excellent work in editing the Guild Bulletin.

The Director of the Department of Public Relations, the Rev. G. W. Lobeck, as our counselor and advisor, has given us his willing assistance and cooperation throughout the year and we are deeply grateful to him.

I am thankful to my assisting officers, to the State Chairmen and to the Executive Board members for their zealous and kindly spirit of helpfulness.

I also wish to pay tribute to the several Standing Committees, contest, revisions, activities and those not specifically mentioned here, for their systematic work in handling the problems entrusted to them.

It is a great satisfaction to the officers and to every one concerned to know that our every comfort as well as much pleasant en-
tertainment is being so delightfully provided for us by Mrs. R. Schoenbohm and the members of her convention social committee.

To all the members of the Guild for manifesting an active interest in our cause, and for carrying on faithfully and sincerely in spite of the present perplexing situation, I freely acknowledge my deepest appreciation.

In this spirit of gratitude let us thank God for His gracious guidance during the past year and let us invoke His blessing as we proceed with our deliberations during this convention. May God bless our endeavor!

O guide and lead us Lord,
While here below we wander;
Grant that we follow Thee,
Our Guide and our Commander,
For if we lead ourselves,
We soon are led astray;
But if Thou leadest us,
We do our duty aye.

- MRS. W. N. HOPPE, President.

Faith for Tomorrow
Convention address by
President O. P. Kretzmann

It is time for us this afternoon to think for a moment of all the events which have taken place in the world and at the University since last we met in this quiet auditorium on May 3, 1941. On that day, 370 days ago, we were conscious of the fact that the clouds of war were dark and near. Now for approximately six months we have been face to face with the march of death across the world, the endless roll call of armies, the toll of ruined cities, and the bitter story of man's inhumanity to man.

At this moment it is about 8:00 o'clock in the evening in Ireland. It is the dawn of another day in the far Pacific. In these places as well as in other corners of the world we have the sons of the University. Perhaps some of your own sons and relatives are there today. I consider it my privilege, therefore, to say something to you as the mothers of these boys who must live through one of the most trying experiences in the world's history.

If ever there has been a time in the history of mankind when an unconquerable faith was necessary, it is today. It is true, of course, that faith in the best and highest sense of the word has always been a characteristic of Christian motherhood. Only a few days ago I saw again a reproduction of Whistler's "Mother." If one looks at it casually, one may consider it merely a portrait of a little old lady sitting in a chair,—every line in the picture seemingly crying for help and protection. The more one studies it, however, the more one sees the lines of strength in the portrait and the unbelievable courage in the quiet, resting figure. It is this strength—the strength of faith—which is greater and more lasting than the power of bombs and planes and guns. It is the strength of motherhood, because it is the strength of sacrifice and of love. In this respect it is comparable to the strength of the Cross. One is reminded of a similar painting by Rembrandt. Hanging on the Cross, in a setting of failure, shadow, and defeat is the figure of our Savior. If we look more closely, however, we find that Rembrandt has painted beyond and behind the Cross the strong, supple, insistent hands of God. They lift the figure of the dying Savior to power and to victory. Through the Cross the motherhood of the twentieth century can find the strength to carry the burden of these anxious times.

It is my privilege this afternoon to express the deep gratitude of the University to the members of the Guild for standing by us loyally and helpfully during the past year. It has been a good year for the Valparaiso University Guild. Financially you have again made an appreciable contribution to the economic welfare of the University. But beyond that we are also conscious of the fact that you are standing by the University with your prayers and constant support. This is perhaps your greatest contribution.

It is my privilege also to express our sincere thanks both personally and officially to the officers of the Guild who are retiring from office this year. It has been our pleasure to be associated especially with the president, the secretary, and the vice-presidents of the Guild. In all of their activities they have typified the loyal attitude of the Guild over against the University and the future of our common cause. May our gracious Lord be their rich reward!

The coming of war has naturally brought many changes to our campus. I am happy to report, however, that these critical days have
also enabled us to see that what we have said in words is beginning to work out in fact. Our emphasis on faith and hope has given us a steadier year than most schools can boast. Our campus is different because we have a better approach to life. During the past week I have visited all of the organizations on the campus. From these meetings I came away with a new appreciation of the high type of student body which we have on our campus and the tremendous future which is ours if we work it out under the guidance and direction of Almighty God. Now especially it is our task to see to it that the younger generation stays with us, trusts us, and realizes that we are attempting to assist them in working out their God-given destiny.

The future? I am certain that we have all noted that we must live more momentarily in 1942 than we have in the immediate past. Just now it is impossible for us to plan definitely for 1943 and 44. Also the building of Guild Hall depends upon the duration of the war. We do not know at this moment what will happen to our enrollment because of the unique conditions imposed upon us by the world crisis. This, however, should not discourage us in the least. Today, as yesterday and tomorrow, the future depends upon the men and women who live for far horizons and great visions. After the last bomb has been dropped and the last shot has been fired, some of us will still be here to carry on. In that hour we should be able to face God and say that we have done things according to His will during the time of waiting. It is necessary for us then to work more momentarily, but to keep our eyes fixed on the distant, immovable goal.

The cornerstone of a little chapel in England carries the following inscription: “Sir Robert Shirley. It was his singular praise that he did the best things in the worst times, and thought the highest thoughts in the darkest hours.” It is my hope and prayer that this will be true also of the Guild. This is the spirit in which we must face the future. This is the spirit in which I welcome you to your convention and commend your work to the benediction of the Lord of the Church.

What you are is God’s gift to you, What you make of yourself is your gift to Him.

Church Symbolism and Art

A talk given by
Mrs. E. N. Moore
at Guild Convention

Symbolism according to Webster, is a visible sign for something invisible.

We are so accustomed to seeing symbols, that we are very likely to pay very little attention to their meaning.

In this respect I am often reminded of something which happened to me quite a number of years ago. My three year old daughter and I were going downtown on the street car. Sitting directly across from us was a Catholic sister of charity. My little daughter kept looking at this sister. Then suddenly when everything was very quiet, she said: “Mother, why does that lady have that white rag on her head for, did she get hurted?” Embarrassing to say the least. Now I had never given the dress of a Catholic sister much thought, had in fact accepted it as a common thing, but this remark of my daughter required an immediate answer, and one which would satisfy her and at the same time not embarrass or offend anyone within hearing. So I told her that this lady was doing some very special work for her church and for that reason was wearing clothes which differed from ours so that everyone would know about it.

Christian symbols, unless you understand them, may sometimes seem very queer.

Take for example, the symbolic plaque displayed in a Pittsburgh church. It shows an ox and a lamb, with the inscription: “Ready for either.” This plaque has a very deep meaning; the ox being a symbol of service, and the lamb a symbol of sacrifice. This plaque has the symbolic meaning that the people are ready for either sacrifice or service.

Christian symbolism is sometimes called “The sign language of our faith.” Unfortunately, it was a dead language for a long time, but interest in this “language” has been revived and we are again able to understand the richness of meaning in the many decorative symbols used in the church.

To the early Christian, symbolism was a secret code. By adopting many symbols from the pagan they were able, by giving a slightly different interpretation to the symbol, to communicate with each other without fear of persecution.
The fish was one of the earliest symbols used by the Christians. Now, a fish painted on the door of a pagan home meant that the customary feast for the dead was in progress. By taking the Greek word for "fish" and making a rebus of it, that is, having each letter in the word represent a word, the Christians made it read "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour"; and the fish painted on the door of a Christian home meant that Holy Communion was to be celebrated there.

Later, when the Christians were no longer persecuted, they used symbolism as a means of education, and as an advertising medium. Their people could not read, but they had all been trained to understand symbols; and so by employing the best teaching technique, that is, visible instruction plus apprehension (connecting the old and familiar with the new and unknown), the Christian church was able to indoctrinate the people.

To teach the doctrine of salvation, they used the pelican feeding her young with her own blood, because the people believed that in times of famine or danger the pelican would tear open her breast to feed her young, giving her life that they might live.

To teach the doctrine of the resurrection they used the eagle and the lion. The eagle was used because people believed that when the eagle reached a great age he would fly into the face of the sun, then plunge three times into a fountain of crystal clear water and emerge with his youth renewed, ready to go on living for another period of time. The words of the Bible on which they based this are, "thine youth is renewed like the eagles."

The lion was used because people believed that the lion cubs were born in a coma from which they were wakened at the end of three days by the voice of the father lion crying in the wilderness.

To teach his pagan friends the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, St. Patrick used a shamrock. Picking a shamrock leaf, he held it up and said to them, "What do I hold in my hand, is it one leaf or is it three leaves? If only one leaf then why three petals, if three leaves, then why only one stem?"

In order to see many of the more familiar symbols, let's visit an imaginary church.

We arrive in this small village in the evening just before sundown. The evening prayer bell is just ringing. If we were out in the fields we might see just such a scene as was painted by Millet, called the Angelus, a man and his wife out in the fields, tired after a hard day's work, but they do not hurry home when they hear the evening bell, but instead bow their heads in prayer. And we are reminded of that beautiful vespers hymn,

Day is dying in the West
Heaven is calling earth to rest
Wait and worship, while the night
Sets her evening lamps alight, thru all the sky.
Holy, holy, holy, all the earth is full of Thee
All the earth is praising Thee, O Lord most High.

The next morning just as we are about to leave the house, we again hear the church bells. This time they seem to be saying, "Come and worship, come and worship."

Long before we can see the church, we catch a glimpse of the steeple; itself a symbol of heavenly aspirations. As we get a little closer we notice that on the very top of this steeple is an ornament which looks like a weather vane. It really is a cock, but not a weather vane, a symbol which is to remind the people that if they have heavenly aspirations, they are not to do as Peter did and deny their Lord.

When we get close enough we notice that the cornerstone of the church is engraved with one of the oldest of Christian monograms, the letter X crossed by the letter P, and under this the two Greek letters A and O. The symbolic meaning of this cornerstone is Christ the cornerstone, the beginning and end of all things.

The high arched doorway of the church contains symbols pertaining to the life of our Lord Christ:
Lily — Annunciation
Christmas rose — Nativity
Star — Epiphany
Two doves — Presentation
Shell — Baptism
Palm branches — Entry into Jerusalem
Crown of thorns and whip — Suffering
Crucifix with I N R I — Crucifixion
(I N R I) inscription placed on the cross by Pilate; an abbreviation meaning Jesus of Nazareth King of the Jews
Pomegranate (bursting) — Resurrection
Chariot wheel — Ascension
Crown and sceptre and crossed palm branches — Final judgment.

The door itself is possibly the most beautiful in the whole world. It has a narrow border showing angels bearing instruments of music, the upper part of the door engraved with a vine and grapes, and underneath this a figure of our Lord with His hand extended in blessing a man who is kneeling before Him, and in the background many other figures coming toward our Lord. This door tells many things. Angels with musical instruments remind us to "enter into His courts with praise"; the vine and grapes say "I am the Vine", and the figure of our Lord reminds us of that beautiful promise "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest."

We are also reminded of that comforting poem by Whittier:

Immortal Love, forever full,
   Forever flowing free,
   Forever shared, forever whole,
   A never-ebbing sea.

We may not climb the heavenly steeps
   To bring the Lord Christ down;
   In vain we search the lower deeps,
   For Him no depths can drown.

But, warm, sweet, tender, even yet
   A present Help is He;
   And faith has still its Galilee,
   And love its Galilee.

The healing of His seamless dress,
   Is by our beds of pain;
   We touch Him in life's throng and press
   And we are whole again.

O Lord and Master of us all,
   Whate'er our name or sign,
   We own Thy sway, we hear Thy call,
   We test our lives by Thine.

As we enter, we find that the church is built in the form of a cross. We also notice the many beautiful stained glass windows, full of symbols, but we shall proceed immediately to the altar. As we reach the chancel steps we observe that directly above them, suspended from the beams, is a large cross; this signifies that only by coming under the cross may we hope to enter the kingdom. The chancel arch bears symbols of the holy writers; we will pay close attention to only a few. There is the open Book, surmounted by a cross hilted sword, the symbol of the apostle St. Paul, the crossed keys, surmounted by an inverted cross belong to St. Peter. The cross is inverted because legend has it that when St. Peter was to be crucified, he insisted on being crucified head downward, saying that he was not worthy to be crucified in the same manner in which His Lord had been crucified. Then there is a shield with a Greek cross, reaching to the very edges. This belongs to St. Andrew.

The keystone of the arch bears the symbol or shield of the Holy Trinity.

The altar, itself a symbol of God's presence, shows carvings of the symbols pertaining to the three persons of the God-head. The hand for God the Father, the lamb with banner for God the Son, and the dove for God the Holy Ghost.

If we were to lift the altar vestments we would find that on the very top of the altar are carved five crosses, one in the center and one on each of the four corners. These crosses are symbolical of the five wounds of our Lord, and these crosses are always embroidered on the fair linen which always covers the altar. This fair linen is symbolical of the linen cloths in which the body of our Lord Christ was wrapped for burial.

Standing on the altar is a cross, ornamented with the letters I H S encircled with a wreath of laurel. The symbolical meaning is "Christ victorious". The letters I H S are an abbreviation of the Greek word for JESUS. The base of the cross is composed of three steps, symbolical of faith, hope and charity.

The two candlesticks on the altar are symbolical of the fact that our Lord is the light of the world.

Sometimes six candlesticks are used. These denote the six days of creation, with the cross in the center for the day of redemption.

On Trinity Sunday you will find a very unusual candlestick in use. A single base from which rise three separate candlesticks, the whole thing carved out of one piece of wood. This particular candlestick is sometimes used to teach the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

Above the altar is a magnificent carving of the institution of the Lord's Supper.

Your attention is now drawn to the lectern. The base of this one is very unusual. Instead of a single pillar the base is in the form of an eagle with out-spread wings, symbolical of the flight of the gospel into all the world.
The pulpit has a canopy above it, ornamented with the quatrefoil, four petal-flowers, for the four Gospels; and also contains figures of the four evangelists with their symbols.

Going back down the aisle of the church we notice that all of the pew ends are carved with the various symbols of our Lord’s passion. We notice the lantern, thirty pieces of silver, basin and ewer, chalice and host, hammer, pincers and nails.

We also notice the many beautiful paintings which adorn the walls of this church; especially the one depicting our Lord as the Good Shepherd. And we think of the shepherd psalm, and sometimes about that poem by Barry:

In “green pastures”? Not always, sometimes
Who knowest best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways, where heavy shadows be.
Out of the sunshine, warm and soft and bright,

Out of the sunshine into darkest night.
I oft would faint with sorrows and affright,
Only for this: I know He holds my hand;
So, whether led in green or desert land,
I trust, although I may not understand.
Beside “still waters”? No, not always so;
Oftimes the heavy tempests’ round me blow,
And o’er my soul the waves and billows go.
But when the storms beat loudest, and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
And whispers to my soul, “Lo, it is I.”
Above the tempest wild I hear Him say;
“Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day;
In every path of thine I lead the way.”
So whether on the hill-tops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where
The shadows lie, what matter? He is there.
And more than this; where’er the pathway lead,

He gives to me no helpless, broken reed,
But His own hand, sufficient for my need.

The things I have been telling you are but
a small part of our heritage. There are many
more, equally beautiful. I firmly believe that
it is up to us, through our University, through
Valparaiso, to

Hold high the torch!
You did not light its glow—
’Twas given you by other hands, you know.
’Tis yours to keep it burning bright,
Yours to pass on when you no more need light;

For there are other feet that we must guide,
And other forms go marching by our side;
Their eyes are watching every smile and tear
And efforts which we think are not worth-while,

Are sometimes just the very helps they need,
Actions to which their souls would give most heed;
So that in turn they’ll hold it high
And say, “I watched someone else carry it this way.”
If brighter paths should beckon you to choose,
Would your small gain compare with all
you’d lose?
Hold high the torch!
You did not light its glow—
’Twas given you by other hands, you know.
I think it started down its pathway bright,
The day the Maker said: “Let there be light.”
And He, once said, who hung on Calvary’s tree—

“Ye are the light of the world.”... Go!...
Shine—for me.

And this we can do if we will pray

O God, our help in ages past
Our hope for years to come
Our shelter in the stormy blast
And our eternal home.

**Notice to Chapter Presidents**

Please inform your officers to send the following information to the Rev. G. W. Lobeck, Director, Department of Public Relations, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana, before July 10, 1942:

1. Names of the officers for the year 1942-43.
2. Total number of chapter members.
3. Total amount of receipts from membership dues and total amount remitted from chapter activities.
4. Complete list of members and addresses.
5. How many membership cards you will need for 1942-43.

In order to receive proper credit toward this year’s goals, all contributions must reach the office of the Department of Public Relations not later than June 30, 1942. Kindly empty your treasuries by that time.

**A Word to the Members of the Valparaiso University Guild**

By the Retiring Officers

For the past three years it has been our privilege to work with you and for you in our official capacities. At this time, which is on the threshold of a new year that brings with it a change in the official family, it is but natural that we, in retrospect, express to you
a brief word upon the retirement from our respective duties. In carrying on our work we have tried to further the development of our worthy predecessors' aims by adhering to the ideals and principles laid down for our Guild.

The work has been extremely pleasant. The friendly associations and the cordial contacts it afforded us will long be cherished in our memories. We are deeply grateful for the wise and kindly counsel, the voluntary support, and the splendid assistance given us by the Department of Public Relations. In particular, we wish to take this opportunity to express to all the chapters and to the individual members our appreciation and gratitude for your fine spirit of cooperation and for your loyalty to us in our efforts. It is this unity that is in a large measure responsible for the creditable results achieved during the past years.

To the newly elected officers of the Guild: We commend you to the Savior's gracious benediction. May He guide and direct you in all your undertakings, so that your services may redound to the glory of Almighty God and to Valparaiso's favor!

Emma D. Hoppe, president.
Hedwig L. Taube, first vice-president.
Eleanor Scherer, second vice-president.
Louise F. Nicolay, secretary.

Welcome!

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we herewith officially announce the acceptance into membership of the Valparaiso University Guild the following new chapters:

Chicago Junior Chapter, Mrs. Paul Reichert, president.
Clintonville Chapter, Mrs. William H. Finney, president.
Indianapolis Chapter, Mrs. Paul Rupprecht, president.
Pittsburgh Chapter, Mrs. J. F. Woessner, president.
Union Chapter, Mrs. C. J. Wachholz, president.

May your work in the Guild be a source of joy and inspiration to your members and of blessing to the cause which you so nobly will serve—Valparaiso University.

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God of All Nations

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God of all nations,
We pray for all the peoples of the earth,
For those who are consumed in mutual hatred and bitterness,
For those who make bloody war upon their neighbors,
For those who tyrannously oppress,
For those who groan under cruelty and subjection.
We pray Thee for all those who bear rule and responsibility,
For child races and for dying races,
For outcast tribes, the backward and downtrodden,
For the ignorant, wretched and the enslaved,
We beseech Thee, teach mankind to live together in peace,
No man exploiting the weak, no man hating the strong,
Each race working out its own destiny,
Unfettered, self-respecting, fearless.
Teach us to be worthy of freedom,
Free from social wrong, free from individual oppression and contempt,
Pure of heart and hand, despising none, defrauding none,
Giving to all men in all the dealings of life,
The honor we owe to those who are Thy children,
Whatever their color, their race, or their caste.

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God Bless Our Valpo Guild

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God bless our Valpo Guild,
And may He help us build,
Through His great might,
A Christian college here
For students far and near
Who to Him are so dear.
God bless our Guild.

God bless our Valpo Guild,
And may our hearts be filled
With zeal for Him.
May He our efforts bless,
Our work crown with success,
In these days of distress.
God bless our Guild.

LYDIA KRETZMANN.

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Appointment

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Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, chairman of the Revisions Committee, announces the appointment of the following members to this committee: Mrs. A. D. Liebe, Mrs. Alvin Mau, Mrs. H. C. Vogel, and Miss Louise Nicolay, representing the Guild's officers.