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Valparaiso University Guild
O LORD, whose bounteous hand again
Hath poured Thy gifts in plenty down,
Who all creation dost sustain
And all the earth with goodness crown,
Lord of the harvest, here we own
Our joy to be Thy gift alone.

Oh, may we ne'er with thankless heart
Forget from whom our blessings flow!
Still, Lord, Thy heav'nly grace impart;
Still teach us what to Thee we owe.
Lord, may our lives with fruit divine
Return Thy care and prove us Thine.

Lord, grant that we who sow to Thee
With joy in endless life may reap.
Of ev'ry heart the Guardian be;
By day and night Thy servants keep
That all to Thee may joy afford
On Thy great harvest-day, O Lord.
Amen.
REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Madam Chairman, members and friends of the Valparaiso University Guild:

For the first time in four years we are meeting under the sunshine of a world at peace. The scourge of war is over; the shroud which draped the flag of the Church has been removed; the last star has been added to the service flag. And while there is still considerable confusion, the noise of battle has stopped; the last bomb has been dropped and our children are homeward bound. We wonder, sometimes, how will we ever be able to show our thankfulness to God for this great gift. So, on this golden day, it gives us pleasure to extend to you a cordial welcome. We trust that you will take an active part in our deliberations; that you will gain a new enthusiasm for, and a clearer understanding of, the work we are trying to do; that you will enjoy the companionship of your fellow-Christians in the delightful social hours which have been provided for us, and that you will join with us in giving praise and thanksgiving for God’s unspeakable gift of peace on earth.

It has been customary for the president of the Guild, at the time of these conventions, to submit a report as to her actions and the actions of the Administrative committee. Permit me, therefore, to submit the following account of her stewardship.

Because the Guild is an integral part of the Lutheran University Association, its Executive Board, in June, 1941, passed a resolution inviting the president of the Guild to attend all meetings of the Board. Your president attended three of these meetings, all of which were held here at Valparaiso. One of these meetings was with the National Advisory Board, consisting of a large group of Synod’s leaders from all sections of the country. It has been a source of real inspiration to your president to see this fine group of Christian men, who leave their congregations, their professions and their business behind for a day or two, to come down to Valparaiso to cope with the problems of this university and to plan for its future. The Lutheran University Association is celebrating its 20th Anniversary. We congratulate them on their many achievements of the past and trust that God will look with favor upon all their plans for the future, and pledge to them our continued support and aid.

The Administrative committee, consisting of the five national officers, has met on four occasions during the past year, and there have been two meetings of the Executive Board, one held on April 6th and 7th and the other one held last evening.

Since the last convention, three issues of the Guild Bulletin have been sent to each Guild member. We have tried, in this way, to bring you the pertinent incidents and highlights of the business of the Guild. About three weeks ago a copy of the “Flash,” giving you a glimpse of the plans for this convention, was mailed to you. We trust these publications were helpful to you and that the reading matter proved interesting. The “Chapter Chatter” column belongs to you, and to those chapters who have contributed we say “thank you.” We hope that each chapter will take its turn and contribute some interesting bit of news. Remember, your sister chapters like to hear from you. The editorials just mentioned have been under the direction of Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert and Miss Louise Nicolay, and we owe them a debt of gratitude for their untiring efforts in our behalf.

A year ago the Guild took one of the most forward-moving steps of its history. It employed Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert as a full-time Executive Secretary, the first women’s organization within the Lutheran Church to take such an important step. We were indeed fortunate to find, among our own members, a woman who is especially talented to perform the difficult du-
ties of this new office. Mrs. Schwiebert's appointment went into effect in January of this year, and since that time the Guild has made definite progress. She has been successful in arousing enthusiasm for the Guild and interest in the University in areas where we were quite unknown, and we want her to know that we appreciate her efforts and success. You will hear Mrs. Schwiebert's report this afternoon.

We say "thank you" to State Chairman. We acknowledge their zeal and their diligence in promoting interest in the Guild, and who, despite adverse conditions, carried on their work. We will hear reports of the State Chairman this afternoon.

I also want to publicly express my thankfulness to Mrs. F. C. Proehl and Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer, first and second vice-presidents of the Guild, for their willing assistance and fine cooperation, and to Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, secretary, and to Miss Louise Nicolay, treasurer, for their helpfulness, their many valuable suggestions, and for their promptness in executing the duties pertaining to their respective offices, and for their loyalty in conducting the affairs of the Guild.

We wish to pay tribute to the members of the Executive Board who have worked so diligently, who at all times have exhibited a keen interest in the welfare of the Guild, and while they experienced difficulty in the performance of their various duties, have been steadfast and unswerving in their loyalty and helpfulness.

We are coming to the close of our five-year campaign for Guild Hall, which has been the major project of our organization. The campaign is under the leadership of Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, of Cleveland, Ohio, and to her we want to express our sincere gratitude for her steadfastness in fulfilling a difficult position. Mrs. Hoppe, you will remember, is one of our past presidents, and we are happy to say that she has kept an active interest in the Guild and has always been willing to give us the benefit of her wide experience. Mrs. Hoppe's report will be received later in the day.

We are also grateful to the Activities committee, under the leadership of Mrs. H. C. Vogel of Cleveland, Ohio. This committee prepared the Chapter Manual which we hope you have all found very helpful. We will hear from Mrs. Vogel later.

We are deeply indebted to President O. P. Kretzmann, who is our advisor and our guide, for his many kindesses and his timely advice, and for permitting us to trespass so frequently upon his time and his energy. To his secretarial staff we say "thank you" for their constant readiness whenever we come to them for help.

We are thankful to the Rev. Fred L. Miller, the Director of the Department of Public Relations, for his kind assistance. His secretarial staff have also been most kind in cooperating with us and we want to express our sincere thanks.

The Rev. Karl Henrichs has, in the course of his travels for the University, discovered several possibilities for organizing Guild chapters. We are grateful to him for his interest and for directing our attention to these areas.

We wish to express our most heartfelt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, who are in charge of the dining room at Altruria Hall, for their kind hospitality and who, even through the most trying days of food rationing, provided meals for us.

We also want to thank Mrs. Sophia Heidbrink for her kindnesses to the members of the Administrative committee and for her anxiety as to our welfare whenever duties brought us to the Campus.

It is a great satisfaction to know that Miss Lois Sohn, president of the Valparaiso chapter, Mrs. Heidbrink, her assistant, and their large committee are planning such delightful entertainment for us this evening. This is one of the phases of the convention which always makes it such a happy memory, and we want them to know we are deeply conscious of their gracious hospitality.

To Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann, our sincere thanks for her generous hospitality in opening her home for the tea this afternoon, thereby making our stay on the campus so delightful.

To Mrs. R. G. Larson and her assistants for taking charge of the convention registration, our sincere thanks.

And so, today we have gathered to plan for another year. As I am about to retire from my office, there are a few thoughts that I would like to leave with you. It is true, we are still confronted with a great amount of confusion in this world, and the uncertainties of life still surround us. But the hope for building for tomorrow, for
building with the Guild, is more promising than it has been for a long time. The months that lie ahead hold great promise for rich service in the cause of Valparaiso University, a Christian school, situated in a quiet little town in the middle west, with the high objective of serving our children, so that they in turn will be equipped to be useful citizens of a great country, and whose spiritual life will fit them for the great work of building the Kingdom of God here on earth. It is our hope that every member of the Guild will gain new enthusiasm for the work we have been called upon to do, and that you will see the need and be ready to meet it.

Should you be requested to perform some special task, or to serve on a committee, or even to take some important office, please do not say "no". Stifle that first inclination to turn down an opportunity to help in so great a cause. Of course, an office carries with it certain responsibilities, and even membership on a committee may give you some perplexing moments, but so also will it bring you joy you will not experience in any other way.

One of the major projects for the coming year is the increase of Lutheran University Association memberships through the Guild. We are confident that there are a vast number of women within the Lutheran Church who would be willing to become members of the Guild if we would put forth a real effort to win them.

A few years ago, at one of our conventions, one of our members read a beautiful poem, which I have always felt was applicable to the work of the Guild; and while I was getting ready for this meeting, and thinking of the beautiful heritage which has been handed down to us, I could not get the words out of my mind, and I feel they bear repeating:

Hold high the torch!
You did not light its glow—
"Twas given by other hands, you know.
It started down its pathway bright,
The day our 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."

We have come a long way from a tiny beginning. Under God, we will not fail in the larger program which lies ahead.

Hedwig L. Taube.

MINUTES OF THE 1945 CONVENTION

Valparaiso, Ind., Oct. 20, 1945

The fourteenth annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order in the University Auditorium on Saturday, October 20, 1945, at 9:45 A. M., by the president, Mrs. Arthur A. Taube. Preceding the opening devotions, which were led by the Rev. E. E. Beyer, Mr. Alfred Bichsel presented an organ prelude. The Rev. Mr. Beyer based his address on the timely topic, "God Has a Star in His Window." He stated that long ago the bright star which shed its light over the fields of Bethlehem was a symbol of the sacrifice which God the Father made in sending His Son into the world to suffer and die that mankind might be free from the bondage of sin. He pointed out that only in the light of the star in God's window can mankind find the paths of peace which will save humanity from the scourge of war and from the righteous anger of a just God.

After a brief greeting by the president the minutes of the 1944 convention were read and approved.

Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer, second vice-president then took the chair while Mrs. Taube delivered her annual report.

Mrs. Taube asked the entire assembly to join her in an expression of praise and gratitude to the Lord of Hosts, who had taken the heavy burden of warfare from a tortured world. She emphasized the importance of the work of the Guild and asked every member to assume a full share in the new and greater tasks which will arise from the ambitious building program undertaken by the University. She expressed her appreciation of the loyal support extended to her by the officers of the Guild and by all those who had served on committees and boards during her administration. Furthermore, she acknowledged a debt of gratitude to Dr. O. P. Kretzmann and to the members of the University faculty as well as to the various secretarial staffs for the splendid support and the many courtesies extended to her. Mrs. Taube closed her address with these words, "We have come a long way from a tiny beginning. Under God we will not fail in the larger program which lies ahead."

The president's report was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, chairman of the
Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the annual report of the National Guild President is again inspirational and informative to the membership at large,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the report of the President be printed in the next issue of the Bulletin.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Taube then took the chair and introduced Mrs. E. S. Snyder, chairman of the Nominating Committee.

The following slate of candidates was presented:

President — Miss Louise Nicolay, South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Henry Born, Bay City, Michigan.

First vice-president — Mrs. F. C. Froehl, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Miss Mary Prentice, Columbus, Ohio.

Second vice-president — Mrs. E. F. Stegman, South Bend, Indiana; Miss Emily Doell, Buffalo, New York.

Secretary — Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, Fort Wayne, Indiana; Miss Lily Fedder, Hammond, Indiana.

Treasurer — Mrs. G. E. Penson, Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Palmer Czamanske, Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Taube called for additional nominations from the floor. None were made. A motion to close the nominations was carried.

Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, chairman of the Campaign Advisory Committee, briefly reviewed the plan submitted to the Executive Board on April 7, 1945. At that time all Guild chapters which had met or exceeded their original goals were given the opportunity to make voluntary pledges covering the cost of one or more rooms in Guild Hall. Mrs. Hoppe reported that on June 30, 1945, the Guild Hall Fund stood at approximately $50,000 and that a total of $20,500 had been received in new pledges. She expressed her warm and sincere gratitude to the individual chapters for their fine cooperation and once again reaffirmed her complete confidence in the ultimate success of the $75,000 Guild Hall Campaign.

Mrs. Hoppe's report was accepted.

At this point the convention departed from its regular program to permit Dr. Kretzmann to introduce Chaplain Wilfred Schnedler, newly appointed Veterans' Counselor for Valparaiso University. Chaplain Schnedler, a veteran of the war in the Pacific, spoke of the weariness and the despair which often held soldiers in a paralyzing grip. Homesick, tired, and sickened by the horrible sights and sounds of modern warfare, America's sons and daughters found ease, strength, and solace only in the strong and comforting arms of the Prince of Peace. Chaplain Schnedler praised the efforts of the Army and Navy Commission and said that the importance and the scope of the work accomplished by the Commission could not be overemphasized. He expressed the belief that the influence of the service rendered by Army and Navy chaplains will be felt in the postwar world and that the Church must go upward and forward into the future. This, he said, is our solemn duty toward those who gave their lives to preserve our priceless heritage.

Miss Emily Doell, a member of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS Major Schnedler's timely address is of special interest to all of us who are in attendance here, and

WHEREAS we acknowledge the need for continued service by our chaplains to our men and women, even after they have left the armed forces of our country,

THEREFORE be it resolved that we extend to him our sincere thanks and ask God's richest blessing upon him in his field of service among the veterans here on our campus.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Taube introduced the architect, Mr. E. F. Jansson, who presented an interesting preview of the ambitious University building program. Mr. Jansson explained in detail the changes which have been made in the layout of the buildings. Colored slides were used to give the convention a clear picture of the beauty and the practical advantages of Guild Hall, the first of the girls' dormitories to be erected. In the discussion which followed Mr. Jansson answered numerous questions which were addressed to him.

Mrs. John Strietelmeier, a member of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS Mr. E. F. Jansson has given us an excellent preview of the campus of tomorrow, and

WHEREAS our members are especially interested in the completion of Guild Hall,
THEREFORE be it resolved that we, as members of the Valparaiso University Guild, continue our loyal and untiring support to bring this project to a successful conclusion.

The resolution was adopted.

Miss Lois Sohn, chairman of the Valparaiso Chapter, announced the social events which had been planned for the entertainment of the guests.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

The afternoon session was called to order by the president at 1:45 o'clock. Roll call revealed that 263 delegates were present. Twenty-six chapters were represented. Five national officers, three past presidents, and seven state chairmen were in attendance.

Mrs. Taube presented Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann to the convention. Mrs. Kretzmann graciously invited the delegates to be her guests at tea in Altruria Hall.

Next Mrs. Taube introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Lawrence A. Buuck, of Arcadia, Indiana. Mrs. Buuck presented an engrossing address on the topic, "What Life in China Meant to Me." As the wife of Missionary Lawrence A. Buuck she had many interesting experiences in China. She was in Hongkong on December 7, 1941. In January, 1942, Mrs. Buuck and her family were moved into a Japanese concentration camp. They were in the camp for six months and were then repatriated to the United States. Mrs. Buuck stated that her wartime experiences served to emphasize the basic lesson which every missionary who travels to strange lands and strange peoples must learn: to trust in God and to believe with unshakable faith that He can and will sustain His children through dark and perilous hours.

Mrs. Henry Born introduced the following resolution:

WHEREAS our thoughts have been turned much to the Far East these days, and

WHEREAS we have been interested and inspired to work even against odds by Mrs. L. A. Buuck's address on "What Life in China Meant to Me,"

THEREFORE be it resolved that we now give her our sincere vote of thanks.

The resolution was adopted.

In his report to the convention Dr. Kretzmann spoke on the significance of the new period in world history ushered in on V-J Day. President Kretzmann expressed his sincere appreciation of the splendid work done by Mrs. Taube during the three years in which she served as president of the Guild. He paid a warm tribute to Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert for her able administration of the new and important post of Executive Secretary. Dr. Kretzmann reported a record enrollment of 720 and predicted a probable enrollment of 1,000 by Christmas, 1946. The addition of 16 new faculty members brings the total to 61. Graduate work has been begun in the Walther League Building in Chicago. Personnel and guidance work for returning war veterans is under the direction of Chaplain Wilfred Schnedler. Dr. Kretzmann spoke of the presentation of adult education seminars, the J. W. Miller Memorial Lectures, and the Church Music and Social Work Institutes held during the summer months. The importance of the work of the Deaconess Training School was emphasized. Many requests for trained women workers have been received, and Dr. Kretzmann expressed the hope that the present enrollment of 11 deaconess students will be greatly increased. The Lutheran University Association believes that the Church can and must play an important part in bringing about world peace and world understanding. Therefore 25 full scholarships have been established for deserving students from Northern Europe.

Dr. Kretzmann declared that the atomic bomb has brought the world to a crucial turning-point. Now the aim of Christian educators must be to produce one person who will lead the world back to righteousness and peace.

Mrs. Birner presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS the war has ended, and the vexing problems of peace are confronting our nation, and

WHEREAS it is fitting that we show our thankfulness to our God for the abundant blessings which have come to us as citizens of this great commonwealth,

THEREFORE be it resolved that in keeping with Dr. Kretzmann's report and the motto of this convention, "Praise and Thanksgiving," we the members of the Valparaiso University Guild continue to remember our government and all in authority in daily ardent prayer, asking God
to endow our leaders with humility and wisdom so that out of the chaos may come a blessed and lasting peace.

The resolution was adopted.

At this time Dr. Kretzmann introduced Dr. O. C. Kreinheder, President Emeritus of Valparaiso University, to the convention. Dr. Kreinheder expressed his pleasure at the fine attendance and urged the Guild to continue its splendid support of, and cooperation with, the Lutheran University Association.

The report of Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert presented a vivid word picture of Mrs. Schwiebert's experiences during the nine months in which she has served in her important new office. Mrs. Schwiebert announced that her appointment meant that something new had been added to the existing Guild structure and that at first she had often asked herself, "Has this step been taken too soon?" She said, however, that the personal contact with Guild members and Guild chapters has been a rich reward and an invigorating incentive for added efforts in the future.

Mrs. Schwiebert reported on the meetings of state-chapter presidents in Fort Wayne and Toledo. She introduced two new chapters to the convention.

Mrs. Chas. Farnsworth moved that Group 2 of the Rockford, Illinois, chapter and the chapter at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, be accepted into the National Guild. The motion was seconded and carried.

At this point Mrs. Schwiebert called on Mrs. Taube to present corsages to the state chairman who had served during her administration.

Mrs. John Strietelmeier presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Guild is deeply grateful for the progress made under the able leadership of its officers and state chairmen,

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

The resolution was adopted.

Turning again to her report, Mrs. Schwiebert presented a new and important plan to the convention. She recommended the establishment of state organizations to expedite the work of the Guild, to bring about a closer co-operation among the Guild chapters, and to achieve a more direct contact between the Guild chapters and the national organization. In this way, she said, the University can be taken to the chapters.

Questions from the floor brought on a spirited discussion.

Mrs. Henry Born asked for a motion to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is considered expedient to organize all chapters within a state into a state organization which would conduct its own convention in addition to the convention of the national body, thereby bringing the University to the attention of a greater number of people,

WHEREAS under present conditions it has proven all but impossible to accommodate here in Valparaiso all the Guild members attending the national convention,

THEREFORE be it resolved that we, the members of the Valparaiso Guild, adopt the formation of state organizations.

The resolution was adopted.

A suggestion made by Dr. Kretzmann was embodied in the following resolution:

WHEREAS the proposal that state organizations be encouraged has been adopted,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Administrative Committee be empowered to work out the organization of state groups, and be it furthermore resolved that the Administrative Committee, with the Revisions Committee, be instructed to prepare the necessary constitutional changes and to present them to all chapters for approval as soon as possible.

The resolution was adopted.

Miss Doell advised the adoption of a budget proposal carefully worked out on the basis of past expenditures as well as on the basis of plans for the next year.

WHEREAS it has been pointed out that heretofore our expenditures have been made more or less in a hit-and-miss fashion, and the need for an itemized budget is evident, and

WHEREAS such a budget has been drawn up on the basis of past expenditures,

THEREFORE be it resolved that we approve the budget proposal of $1,522.50.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Schwiebert then briefly outlined plans for the future. She emphasized the fact that the overworked slogans of the war years are outdated. The time for building is now. Now is the time for us to con-
tribute to the great task of blazing a path­way through the wilderness of a confused postwar world. This can and must be accomplished through Christian education and Christian leadership; for we firmly be­lieve that the fear of the Lord is the begin­ning of wisdom. Our reward, Mrs. Schwie­bert said, will come from the realization that our efforts will make the way of those who come after us a little easier.

Mrs. John Strietelmeier moved the adop­tion of the following resolution:

WHEREAS our Executive Secretary, Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert, has assumed the responsibility of her office and carried out the duties of her office with outstand­ing success,

THEREFORE be it resolved that we pledge to her our continued support and co-operation.

The resolution was adopted.

The chair appointed the following election tellers: Miss Emma Kiefer, chairman; Mrs. Henry Merz, Mrs. Myrtle Lucht.

Mrs. H. C. Vogel, chairman of the Ac­tivities Committee, reported the completion and distribution of a new chapter manual. She declared that this manual is still an in­fant and invited suggestions and contribu­tions which will increase its scope and its usefulness.

Mrs. Vogel urged individual chapters to send interesting programs to the Activities Committee. She expressed the hope that the convention theme, "Praise and Thanksgiv­ing," would become our slogan in the first year of blessed peace.

A motion to accept Mrs. Vogel's report was carried.

Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, chairman of the Re­visions Committee, announced that her committee had no report to make.

Mrs. E. W. Jaeger, chairman of the Con­test Committee, announced that since only one entry had been received, there was no contest.

In the absence of Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer, Mrs. Arnold Scherer presented the annual Guild Special Gift. Mrs. Scherer stated that the prayer chapel in Lembke Hall would be a welcome sanctuary for prayer and meditation. She expressed the hope that God's richest blessing would be with those who seek His presence in humble supplica­tion.

President Kretzmann accepted the gift for the University.

Miss Louise Nicolay presented the finan­cial report for the year 1944-45. She re­ported that total receipts were $17,908.87. The following disbursements were made:

To the Lutheran University Associa­tion for its current fund $4,220.75; to the L. U. A. for the Guild Special $186.00; to the L. U. A. Special Fund $12,384.75 in cash, $84.00 in bonds, and for Guild expenses $1,053.67.

The treasurer's report was accepted.

A letter from Mr. Herbert H. Heyn, ac­countant and auditor, was read by the sec­retary. Mr. Heyn stated that the treasurer's books were in order and that all funds had been allocated as shown in her report.

The Rev. Frederick L. Miller, director of the Public Relations Department of the University, spoke briefly on the importance of Christian consecration and Christian stewardship. He reviewed the impressive growth of the Church during the past 100 years and pointed to the need for a reded­i­cation to the cause of Christian education.

He stressed the need and the desirability of a campaign to increase the membership of the L. U. A. within and without the roster of the Guild. The goal of this cam­paign is 1,000 L. U. A. members in the Guild and a possible 10 — 25,000 new L. U. A. members throughout the Synod. This, the Rev. Mr. Miller declared, will go far to build a great University.

Mrs. Henry Born offered a resolution urging the support of the campaign begun by the L. U. A.

WHEREAS the University board has adopted a program of expansion, and

WHEREAS, to complete such a pro­gram, the co-operation of the Guild is desired,

THEREFORE be it resolved that we endorse the action of the board and pledge the members of the board our whole-hearted co-operation and support.

The resolution was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee moved the adop­tion of the following resolution:

WHEREAS a steady income of smaller gifts from a greater number of people is desired, and

WHEREAS this purpose can be accom­plished by increasing the memberships in the L. U. A., and

WHEREAS the Guild wishes to sup­port this undertaking,

THEREFORE be it resolved that we
propose to the Guild members that they strive for an increased L. U. A. membership of approximately 1,000 within the present ranks of the Guild.
The resolution was adopted.
The Resolutions Committee moved the adoption of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS the need for a tea and coffee service for use at University social functions has been established,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Guild Special for the year 1945-46 be the purchase of a sterling silver tea and coffee service.
The resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS the publication of the Guild Bulletin is an important agency in the progress of the organization, and

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

WHEREAS our treasurer, Miss Nicolay, our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Schwiebert, as well as Mrs. R. C. Klemz, of the Home Mountain Publishing Company, have assumed this responsibility with outstanding success,

THEREFORE be it resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to them.
The resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS the many details for this fourteenth annual convention were ably handled by the following and their respective committees,

THEREFORE be it resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to all:

To President Kretzmann for his guidance, encouragement, and inspirational addresses; to the Rev. E. E. Beyer for his uplifting devotional address; to Mr. Alfred Bichsel, Mr. Newman Powell, the University Choir and its director, Prof. Richard Schoenbohm, for their services; to Mrs. Ray G. Larson, the registration and housing committee; to Miss Lois Sohn for her splendid work in arranging the minute details; to Mrs. E. E. Goehring and Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, who were in charge of the Friday evening tea and reception; to Mrs. Arthur Sievers, who planned the menu and arranged the serving of the banquet; to Mrs. D. McFarland, who provided the attractive decorations; to Mrs. O. F. Schmitt, the principal speaker; to Miss Helen Pearson, who played a 'cello solo; to Mrs. Ad. Haentzschel, who led the community singing; to Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, our gracious mistress of ceremonies; to Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann, who entertained at the reception and tea on Saturday; to Mrs. V. E. Berry and her able assistants at the Sunday breakfast; to Miss Arlene Laesch, who was in charge of exhibits; to Mr. Jay Garrison, who prepared the food for the banquet; to the management of Hotel Lembke, who exerted every means to fulfill as many requests for rooms as possible and to make the necessary adjustments and changes in housing; and to a number of private citizens of Valparaiso, who came to the aid of the Registration Committee when the matter of housing became an emergency.
The resolution was adopted.

In response to a rising vote of thanks the retiring president addressed a brief farewell to the convention.

Dr. Kretzmann officiated at the impressive closing devotions.
The convention adjourned at 5:30 P. M.

ADDENDA

During the convention banquet Miss Emma Kiefer, chairman of tellers, announced the final election results:

President—Miss Louise Nicolay
1st Vice-president—Mrs. F. C. Froehl
2nd Vice-president—Mrs. E. F. Stegman
Secretary—Mrs. Walter A. Hansen
Treasurer—Mrs. G. E. Penson

These officers — with the exception of Mrs. Froehl, who was not in attendance at the convention — were installed by Dr. Kretzmann in a solemn vespers service.

Farewell gifts were presented to Mrs. Taube, retiring president, Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer, retiring 2nd vice-president, and Miss Nicolay, retiring treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne L. Hansen, Secretary.

The Ideal Pictures Corporation of 28 East Eighth Street, Chicago, 5, Illinois, has sent a copy of their catalog of 16mm religious sound and silent motion pictures, as well as religious film slides and 2 x 2 kodachromes, to each of our chapter presidents. It is advisable to consult your pastor when making a selection for showing at chapter or other meetings.

"There are more Lutherans in the city of Chicago than there are people in the city of St. Paul."—(The Reverend Edgar F. Witte, Executive Sec'y Associated Lutheran Charities.)
REPORT OF CAMPAIGN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

When, at the close of the fourth year in the campaign for GUILD HALL, the results obtained were still somewhat under $40,000, the Campaign Advisory Committee devised a new plan for raising additional funds. At the recommendation of the committee the Guild in convention in 1944 adopted the plan as proposed.

On April 6, the committee again met and discussed the various phases of the plan and submitted its report to the Executive Board in a meeting on April 7, 1945. A brief review of this report which was published in the Guild Bulletin of May, 1945, may be in order.

All chapters, which have met or exceeded their goals, shall be given an opportunity to give additional aid to Guild Hall in a specific manner. Such eligible chapters may have the privilege of making voluntary pledges covering the cost of a room — complete with appointments and furnishings — inscribed with the name of the chapter giving the gift, and so perpetuate their name on the campus of Valparaiso University. Pledges may range upwards of $500.00.

More than half of the chapters in the Guild have already been classified as "eligible." The following have officially announced their generous gift selections or pledges:

The first floor reception room ........................................................................ $3,500 — Saginaw, Mich.
Office and lobby .................................................................................................. 2,500 — Indiana Chapters
Second floor living room .................................................................................. 2,000 — Detroit, Mich.
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To you, who have so nobly demonstrated your ability to produce results, we want to say: Congratulations and a warm and sincere thank you for your prompt and generous response to the new plan. May the work and the effort you put forth to attain these new pledges prove interesting and gratifying!

At the close of the past fiscal year — June 30, 1945, the Guild Hall Fund stood at approximately $50,000. The total of the new pledges amounts to $20,500.

The committee feels confident that the remaining chapters are concentrating on the completion of their goals so that all chapters may unite in making very definite progress in the climb for the completion of the $75,000 Guild Hall Fund.

Emma D. Hoppe, Chairman.
Campaign Advisory Committee.
October 20, 1945.

Since the above report was presented, the Lapeer-Hadley chapter of Michigan has voted to sponsor a $500 student room. Still available for chapter pledges are the following:

Dining room china, glass, silver ...................................................... $2,500
Dining room tables and chairs ......................................................... 2,500
Three student service rooms, equipped for light laundry and with kitchen facilities, each ...................................................... 1,000
One guest room ................................................................................. 750
110 student rooms, each ................................................................. 500

TREASURERS

Just a reminder that all chapter funds are now sent to our newly-elected treasurer, Mrs. G. E. Penson, 7839 S. Paxton Ave., Chicago, 49, Illinois. Remember to send in your funds by Dec. 30 if they are to appear on the report presented in the spring Executive Board meeting.
In a very humble yet heartfelt way I wish to express my appreciation to the members of the Guild for their expression of trust and confidence in electing me to the presidency of the Guild. I feel very unworthy of this honor as I realize my lack of qualifications necessary to fill the obligations of leadership and to assume the responsibilities that the position merits. I would plead with you, therefore, to include me in your prayers always and to make intercession for me to the Throne of Grace that our Heavenly Father endow me with wisdom, courage, charity and strength to carry out the great work of the Guild.

At your recent convention some far-reaching resolutions were passed. Of especial importance was the resolution in which the Guild made plans for expansion through state organization. It is significant that particularly at this time when the world is confused, perplexed and fearful, the Guild will make itself heard throughout our Church, bringing to the women of our Synod again an invitation to join us in the privilege of supporting Valparaiso University -- a necessary, a Christian, a Lutheran school. For, if this university was deemed vital twenty years ago when a handful of consecrated Lutherans acquired it, then it is much more important that we have a leading university NOW when our country and our church need educated men and women -- young people trained in every profession and in every walk of life. We will need men and women trained not only in the material things of this world, but those who will bring with this high intelligence a deep spirituality. This necessity, then, should urge us on to work for this worthy cause ourselves, to enthuse others to help us, and to commend our University and our Guild to God in our daily prayers.

The task which lies before us is a huge one and presents a challenge to each and every member of the Guild. This challenge can be met, however, if we cheerfully and willingly assume the responsibilities and duties assigned to us. Sometimes we are inclined to feel that our services may be too trivial and our tasks too small to be considered worthwhile and we curtail our activities, to the barest minimum, yet to carry out the work of the Guild successfully we must have the wholehearted cooperation of our entire membership. Each member has a definite place in the Guild's program and it is only with a united effort that we shall accomplish our objectives during the coming year.

While we yet have time, let us with renewed consecration employ those talents which our gracious Lord has so richly bestowed upon us, and each in her own individual and quiet way assist in truly "Building with the Guild".

May our Heavenly Father bless each one of you is the prayer of

Your President,
Louise F. Nicolay.

USE

WHEAT RIDGE CHRISTMAS SEALS

The Lutheran Sanatorium at Wheat Ridge is a charitable institution. It ministers particularly to our fellow-Lutherans who, afflicted with tuberculosis, have become destitute or whose families are not able to provide them with adequate care.

THE MORE STAMPS WE USE THE MORE GOOD WE DO -- DONT WE MOTHER
AMONG OUR MEMORIES
DEDICATED TO PEACE

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." John 14: 27

It was to this Peace of God, for which the world is groping so blindly, that our convention was dedicated.

Registration at this first peacetime convention began on Friday afternoon. Except for those who had sent in their reservations well-in-advance and knew they were going to stay in a hotel or tourist home, the rest of us wondered just where our bed would be. My partner's husband jokingly commented before we left that we could always sleep in a garage; and added, "You could call your experiences, Three Nights in a Garage." As it turned out, our first night was spent on a streamlined train and the other two in the lovely home of a local resident — a far cry from a garage. Mrs. R. G. Larsen took care of this difficult task of finding a room for everyone. The cover of this year's program, which we received upon registration, was inscribed with that one word, Peace. Our name badge was again in the shape of a "V" in colors of green and black.

On Friday evening at 7:30 we attended the Executive Board meeting. Seated in arm chairs at massive oak council tables we discussed proposals for the coming year and listened to reports of chapter presidents. Then we joined the other delegates in the Sarah Porter Kinsey Memorial Building for coffee and tea cakes. The table was centered with a bouquet of russet-hued chrysanthemums and lighted yellow tapers. Our charming hostesses were the young lady members of the faculty.

Saturday morning the business sessions were begun with the singing of the hymn, "With the Lord begin thy task, Jesus will direct it." The Rev. E. Beyer in his opening devotions in keeping with the convention theme told us that God has a gold star in his window for the Son He gave for us 1900 years ago. In her sincere and gentle manner, Mrs. Taube welcomed us to the convention. Dr. Kretzmann then presented the counselor for the student veterans on the campus, Major Schnedler. Because of his many interesting experiences, a few of which he related to us, and because of his close contact with the boys as they lived the horrors of war, we can be sure that Major Schnedler's advice will be most welcome to our student veterans. Mr. E. F.
Jansson, the architect, then gave us a preview of the new campus. We were interested in the plans for Guild Hall. The thought that Guild Hall may be an actuality about a year from now seems most amazing. From the various slides which the architect showed us, we can see that the layout of the ground presented quite a few problems in arranging the buildings on the new campus. Now we as a Guild want to work unceasingly until Guild Hall is not only built, but also completely furnished.

After lunch in that quaint inn on the Hill, we returned for the afternoon session. We listened with interest to the experiences of Mrs. L. A. Buuck as she described her ten years in the Orient. When the Japanese took Hongkong, the Buucks were guided through those fearful days by God's constant protection. After six months in an internment camp they were fortunate to be able to return on the Gripsholm. After giving us many items of news, Dr. Kretzmann said quietly, "This is that postwar world about which we have been talking. We must now make our dreams move and live. The church must now be listened to." Dr. Kretzmann left us with the thought that every gift we give will be worth while if we can lead but one person through these halls to be another A. Lincoln, a leader of mankind. Other messages of encouragement and enthusiasm were given by Dr. Kreinheder and the Rev. Miller. Our new executive secretary, Mrs. E. Schwiebert, reported on her ten months of service to the Guild. Reports from the various committee heads and the election of officers completed the business for the day.

We hurried to Altruria Hall to Mrs. Kretzmann's tea which was delightful. Seated at the end of a long table, Mrs. Kreinheder poured the coffee. As we helped ourselves to the rolls, we noticed the carved figures which, grouped around tiny 'mums, graced one end of the table. One bite into the rolls was a surprise as they were filled with a delectable tuna fish salad.

At eight o'clock that evening, some of us dressed informally and others formally, we all assembled in Parish Hall to eat the delicious banquet meal. The tables were decorated with pastel tinted twigs and lighted with tall pink tapers. The tiny glass lapel vases which brightened the covers of our programs were all hand-blown by Dr. R. G. Larsen of the faculty. With her inimitable spirit Mrs. Haentzschel pepped us up with group singing. Mrs. Hansen, lovely as the toastmistress, introduced Miss Sohn, president of the Valparaiso Chapter, our hostesses, who spoke a few charming words of welcome. Miss Pearson of the University Music Department gave us a beautiful cello selection. Then followed the address of the evening by Mrs. Otto Schmitt, who spoke about the beginning and the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. She praised women who are in the service of our church. Again we had the pleasure of hearing from two other members of the Music Department. Mr. M. A. Bichel sang an aria by Richard Wagner accompanied by Mr. Newman W. Powell. Everything was still as his rich voice rang out. As an encore he sang especially for us Cadman's impressive song, The Builder. Then we went quietly in small groups into the church for the vesper service. Softly a few notes from the choir drifted down to us. Behind the choir the figure of Christ stood flooded in light. It was a moment for silent prayer. The candles at the altar were lit, and the service began. There are no words to describe the beauty and solemnity of that hour. We sang a hymn and then softly and reverently the choir sang one. Dr. Kretzmann's thoughtful message from 2 Peter 1: 5 "giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue" will never be forgotten. He told us that Christ has promised that our humdrum, daily lives can be lifted up beyond the stars and glorified if we bring them to Him in whom faith and virtue are one. The new officers were then installed and the service closed.

The next morning we gathered in groups and had our breakfast at the Memorial Building. Miss Sohn was the gracious hostess who poured our morning coffee. Then on to church we went — some of us to early service; others to late service. It was time now to board our trains and buses, to return home and share our renewed enthusiasm with our friends and fellow-workers.

Thelma Waaler Jordan.

"The welfare of a city does not consist alone in great treasures, firm walls, beautiful houses, and abundant munitions of war; indeed, where all these are found, and reckless fools come into power, the city sustains the greatest injury. But the highest welfare, safety, and power of a city consists in able, learned, wise, upright, cultivated citizens, who can secure, preserve, and utilize every treasure and advantage." — Luther.
FOURTEEN

Detroit Chapter concluded the year’s activities with a “Breakfast at Sardi’s” in the latter part of May. The entertainment was a take-off of the popular radio program now known as “Breakfast in Hollywood.” The program started promptly at eleven o’clock and a substantial breakfast menu was served. All the trimmings were available, including orchids and the wishing ring. Tickets were limited to 350 and were completely sold out with many requests refused. The program proved very popular.

The opening meeting in September was a get-acquainted gathering for present and prospective women students from the Detroit area together with their mothers. The girls enjoyed meeting their fellow students and many mothers accepted the chapter’s invitation to membership.

“Guest night” programs were arranged in the first week in October by the chapters of Merrill, Wausau, and Clintonville, Wisconsin, at which Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert spoke on the University and the work of the Guild. Each chapter was successful in interesting new members in joining the Guild.

From Fort Wayne, Indiana:
It’s surprising what experiences of Pot-Luck suppers will do to Valpo Guild Chapters. Our group of 156 members opened their 1945-46 season with a get-together on October 4th with Dr. Walter Bauer our main speaker. Just what Dr. Bauer’s reactions were to our calorie-loving group, one will never know. Last year we had everything from stuffed pineapples (prepared by Mrs. Dean Arnold) to delicious meat loaves. But it seems as if the October 4th meeting was to be one of variety as Pot-Lucks go — it was one — only a variety of desserts! They were delicious and beautifully prepared, but I wouldn’t doubt if our speaker and our members didn’t have to go on a diet for weeks thereafter. But such are the trends of Pot-Lucks!

Colored slides and illustrations enlightened us on 18th Century Art at our November 7th meeting, and on December 14 our Guild Members are busily planning their annual Christmas Party. Things are progressing quite well, except for the lassoing of one member’s husband to play the role of Santa Claus. His heart is with Valpo, we all know, but a little time and persuasion seems necessary to turn the trick. Even all the Christmas goodies, et cetera, don’t seem to be sufficient bait to induce this young man to assume the role. Will other chapters please help — how’s about a few suggestions to snare us a good Santa for the 14th?

February 6th will see us busily engaged in a business meeting mainly dealing with funds for Guild Hall, and on March 17 our Musicale and Tea will again be presented. The final meeting of the year will be the Anniversary Banquet under the expert guidance of Mrs. Alfred Wehrenberg and Mrs. Dean Arnold, Social Co-Chairmen.

Between these regularly planned meetings, the members of the Fort Wayne Chapter are very busy with rummage sales, card parties, etc., to swell the funds of the treasury. All in all, we are very successful in all events, but, oh dear, what are we going to do about our local Santy?

Gertrude Hagerman, Secretary.

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA:

GUILD BULLETIN

The Chicago West chapter invited members and guests to a delightful afternoon meeting and tea at the spacious home of Mrs. W. Mueller on September 11. Mrs. Schwiebert was guest speaker.
The Lansing Chapter held its first meeting of the year in September at which Mrs. E. G. Schwiebert spoke to a group of members and guests. Latest acquisition of the chapter was a large china piggy bank, the gift of an anonymous friend. All contributions received by "Horatio, who is going to Valparaiso" are much appreciated by the chapter. Their problem is how to extract his large accumulation of "folding money," which will not shake out, without breaking his beautiful china form.

In its September meeting the Chicago Chapter heard Professor E. G. Schwiebert of the university History department speak on "Peace in an Atomic Age."

The Personnel Director and the Entrance Counsellor express their appreciation of efforts on the part of chapters to assist the new university students to become acquainted with their fellow students before leaving home. Many cases of homesickness were thus averted and the plan is worthy of wide adoption by other chapters.

Remember to send detailed reports of your successful student parties, unique fund-raising ideas, etc., to the chairman of the Activities Committee, Mrs. H. C. Vogel, 1510 W. Clifton Blvd., Lakewood 7, Ohio, for the use of other chapters; and to the executive secretary for publication in the Bulletin. The Activities Committee has available a ritual for the Installation of Officers which they will send upon request.

Will all those who left verbal requests for Memorial Wreath Cards, Guild stickers, address changes, etc., kindly drop a card to the Executive Secretary with their request so that none may be forgotten? Thanks.

"Goodness without knowledge is weak and feeble, yet knowledge without goodness is dangerous; and both united form the noblest character, and lay the surest foundation of usefulness to mankind." — Dr. John Phillips, 1872.

FOUND—One umbrella in the Auditorium following the Convention. Owner may have same by properly identifying. Write the executive secretary.

Memorial Wreath gifts were received through the following chapters:

Cleveland
Mrs. Wilhelmina Bauman $ 5.00
Mrs. F. Imhoff 10.00

Columbus
Mrs. Helen Hempel 3.00

Fort Wayne
Mrs. Anna Umbach 5.00
Mr. Frederick Scheiman 2.00
Mrs. Marie Oexmann 8.00
Mr. Ernst Bertram 5.00

Hammond
Mrs. Caroline Giessler 10.00

Logansport
Mrs. Louise F. Nolde 40.00
Mr. W. H. Schroeder 26.50

Milwaukee
Miss Rose Strauss 3.00

Reedsburg
Mr. Walter Grote 6.00

Sheboygan
Mrs. Gertrude Becker 1.00

Toledo
Mrs. Fred Miller 9.00
Mr. H. C. Nuoffer 6.00

"Culture has been defined as the enlightenment and refinement of taste through intellectual and aesthetic training. This definition sounds formal, culture seeming to imply something clothed in academic pomp and circumstance, something that can be worn as a badge to separate those who have it from those who have it not, serving thus to emphasize class and race distinction. For obvious reasons, such a definition of culture has no part in our program, building for peace. Rather do we define culture with Matthew Arnold as an harmonious expansion of thought and feeling, an expansion of all the powers that make for the beauty and worth of human nature. To us, culture is a democratic quality that can be developed in every one because, as a human being, he has within him potentialities that through proper direction make him a cultured man — more intelligent, more sympathetic, more comprehensive, more Christian. Culture so defined becomes an eminent force in building for peace."

—Dr. Vera T. Hahn. Quoted from a paper presented to Guild convention, 1944.
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TOTAL AMOUNT NOW IN GUILD HALL FUND — $49,968.88.