In choosing the keynote for the Guild's sixteenth annual convention, "A Mighty Fortress is our God," the same profound importance may be attached to Luther's stirring and mighty battle hymn today as was evidenced by its appearance in one of the first Protestant hymnals in 1529. Luther and his small band of followers had just passed through years of uncertainty, doubt, discouragement, persecution, and righteous defiance, only to emerge with a firm faith in the "Valiant One Whom God Himself Elected," giving praise and thanksgiving to God, Who had been their Rock and their Fortress during those arduous years. The Guild, from her humble and modest beginning with a membership of only a few hundred women, her struggle to serve the youth of her Church at Valparaiso, and her perseverance to meet and overcome the financial obligations of her Guild Hall pledge, has finally emerged to the point when her "cloud with a silver lining"—Guild Hall—will be dedicated to the glory of God and to the service of our Lutheran youth. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude and praise this day as with Luther we humbly confess, "with might of ours can naught be done."

By no stretch of our wildest imagination or our fondest dreams could we have foreseen sixteen years ago that total contributions during a six-year period would reach the impressive figure of $134,201; $98,255 of which has been allocated to the Guild Hall account. This is a direct tribute to the 4,000 courageous members of the Guild, who, with their vision, their zeal, their prayers, their time and efforts, and above all their faith in a just cause and an invincible Champion, made this record possible. During these years, they, too, like Luther, came to the full realization of the fact that God alone is the Source and the Fountain of all true strength, whose almighty power can overcome all obstacles. Yes, our keynote, "A Mighty Fortress is our God," is a most apt and fitting slogan for this our sixteenth annual convention. Under the blessing of the Almighty, the Guild has made noticeable strides of progress, and year Sixteen of the Guild has been outstanding in many respects. As is customary at national meetings of the Guild, your president will now intrude upon your time by giving an account of the stewardship she enjoyed in your behalf during the past year:

Through the courtesy of the Lutheran University Association your president has attended three meetings of the University's Board of Directors. These years are critical ones for the University and it is through the attendance of these meetings that your president is able to gain a clearer understanding of the tremendous problems of the present and of the future which face the University.

The Executive Board has been in session twice during the year and eleven meetings of the Administrative Committee were held. The increase in the number of meetings of the Administrative Committee was necessary because, for the most part, we were operating without the services of an Executive Secretary.

As you are all aware, we closed our 1946 convention by accepting the resignation of
Miss Emily Doell, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Miss Nicolay, Mrs. J. E. Penson, Mrs. E. F. Stegman

Mrs. Schwiebert as Executive Secretary of the Guild. Immediately following the convention, Mrs. Schwiebert took care of all necessary “loose ends” and edited the post-convention issue of the Guild Bulletin. On November 1st it was with heavy hearts that the officers bade her farewell, wished her Godspeed in all her future undertakings and presented her with the gift of a beautiful silver tray as a token of the Guild's deep gratitude for her twenty-two months of service.

Confronted on the one hand with an empty office, and, on the other, with all the urgent and essentially important tasks that must of necessity be performed in order NOT to sacrifice the Guild's very existence or her future, your officers, after prayerful consideration and with the counsel of Dr. Kretzmann, took immediate action to keep the wheels of the Guild turning until a permanent Executive Secretary could be appointed. The membership was advised to address all correspondence to the Guild in care of the Office of the President of the University. Mrs. Bartelt was placed in the Guild office and she, under the supervision of Dr. Kretzmann's staff, took care of all correspondence and other Guild duties. Your national officers felt their responsibilities very keenly and at all times tried to be of service. During this period, too, all State Units of the Guild held their first annual meetings. In the absence of an Executive Secretary, these annual meetings were attended by a member of the Administrative committee, which is in line with national by-Bulletin. The meetings for the most part were quite well attended and it is felt that on the whole, they proved to be very informative and profitable. Our gratitude goes out to all State Unit officers who are pioneers in this new field of the Guild and who are doing an unusually fine job.

A booklet containing national and State Unit By-Laws was printed and mailed to each member of the Guild. These By-Laws should be very helpful to chapters and individual members as well.

All during these months, many long hours of cautious and prayerful deliberation were given by your officers and President Kretzmann to the selection of an Executive Secretary for the Guild. Since this position is so highly respected and of utmost importance to our organization, we were all aware of the grave responsibility involved, for, not only must the candidate possess all the necessary secular qualifications to direct and manage our office, but she must also possess all the Christian virtues for a charming personality to win friends for the Guild. She must be a sort of efficiency expert and angel combined! On January 11, it was with happy hearts that your officers, together with Dr. Kretzmann and Mr. Dickmeyer, had the privilege of appointing Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink to the office of Executive Secretary.

To our knowledge there is no other person of our acquaintance who is so ably fitted for this position. She has as her background her years of service to the University, she knows the ideals and purposes of the Guild, she has the required competence and ability to guide and direct the work of her office, and she has the depth of character and sweet charm which will endear her to the entire Guild membership.

The Guild is most fortunate in securing the services of “So”. I know that all those in attendance today join me in pledging to her our loyalty, cooperation and helpfulness in this all-important office of the Guild. We pray that God will shower His choicest blessings upon her and her efforts, that He will give her strength, courage and health, and keep her in His protection always.

Two issues of the Guild Bulletin, edited by Mrs. Heidbrink, were mailed to each Guild member in addition to the post-convention issue, making a total of three issues for the year. Though fewer in number this past year,
we feel that the quality of our Bulletin has improved. The editor is striving to make a more attractive Bulletin by the use of new type faces, new headings, better paper and a greater number of cuts. It is felt that, though these improvements tend to increase the cost of each issue, yet it is money well-spent since they make for a more readable publication. We would encourage all state and chapter presidents especially to send in good snapshots or pictures of their special or outstanding events for use in future editions of the Bulletin. We believe that the Bulletin will be more enjoyably read by the membership were it to contain news events, supplemented by pictures, from all sections of the Guild. The Guild Flash reached you on or about July 1 as a reminder to attend the convention and to officially publish a proposed amendment to the national By-Laws. A president’s letter was mailed to all chapter presidents on April 15. This was an appeal to the membership to assist in bringing about a successful conclusion to the $1,600,000 campaign of the Lutheran University Association. It was possible for five chapters to make additional contributions, totalling approximately $1,000.

From the standpoint of finances, our Guild has had a most successful year. In fact, contributions received from chapters and individuals have reached the amazing figure of more than $37,000 for all purposes. This exceeds all previous records. Again, we must humbly acknowledge the blessing of the Almighty and the zeal and fervor of our members. This should bring to a close the Guild Hall campaign. As you will recall, our campaign for this project was originally planned for a period of five years. To allow chapters the privilege of completing their pledges and to give an opportunity to furnish additional aid by those chapters having met or exceeded their quotas, it was decided to extend the time until June 30, 1947. As mentioned before, our Guild Hall account stands at $98,000 plus, an unbelievable figure in the minds of the planners six years ago. Through the ages, Guild Hall will ever stand as a memorial to the Guild’s faithfulness and God’s gracious benediction.

The first Project committee of the Guild, consisting of Mrs. Holtz, Mrs. Haentzschel and Mrs. Jordan, will present its report in the afternoon session. In proposing for your consideration the major objective to be undertaken by the Guild during the ensuing year the Committee has been guided by its need, its appeal, and its service to the Lord and His Kingdom. To the members of this committee we are grateful.

The Guild Manual, ably prepared by the Activities committee, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Vogel, and Mrs. Bishop, was mailed to all chapter presidents, State Unit presidents and Field Secretaries of the Guild. The committee now has ready a supplement to this little booklet, which also will be very helpful to all those in charge of special events in their locality. This committee is to be commended for their fine work. You will hear from them later in the morning.

To the members of the Revisions committee, Mrs. Kampe, Mrs. Leman and Miss Fren- tice, for disposing the duties charged to them we extend our deep gratitude. We are grateful to the nine Field Secretaries for promoting the growth of the Guild during the past year. Despite the fact that for months the Guild was forced to function without the services of a full-time executive secretary, under whose direction these Field Secretaries work, we are happy to report the organization of five new chapters: Broadlands, Cincinnati, LaPorte, Oshkosh and Pittsburgh Evening. The constitutions of Broadlands, Gary, Rockford, Cincinnati and Akron have been examined and ratified by the Administrative committee.

I would like to express my grateful appreciation to Mrs. E. F. Stegman and Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, first and second vice-presidents of the Guild, for their willing assistance and fine cooperation; and to Mrs Walter Hansen, secretary, and Mrs. G. E. Pensom, treasurer, for their helpfulness, for their promptness in executing the duties pertaining to their respective offices, and for their loyalty in conducting the affairs of the Guild. It has been a pleasure, an inspiration and a comfort to work with these fine Christian women during one of the critical periods of the Guild. I wish to pay tribute, too, to the Executive Secretary of the Guild, Mrs. Heidbrink, who has taken hold of her duties in a very commendable way, and who, through her many kindnesses and gracious hospitality, has brought much happiness to our work.

To the Valparaiso convention committee we shall be indebted forever. We extend a most sincere “thank-you” to them for their hospitality and for the planning and execution of the many details incidental to our convention. The joys and pleasures afforded us
through their efforts will long be remembered. To all others who in any measure, large or small, contributed to the success of our convention or to the program of the Guild, we proffer our sincerest appreciation and thankfulness.

We are grateful to President Kretzmann’s secretarial staff for their willing performance of the additional duties imposed upon them during the vacancy in our office, and for their constant solicitude and many kindnesses. To Mr. and Mrs. Garrison we wish to extend our thanks for delicious meals so cheerfully prepared for us while meeting on the campus.

At this time I wish publicly to express to Dr. Kretzmann, our counselor, my personal gratitude, as well as that of the other officers of the Guild. We are deeply indebted to him as our advisor and guide, for permitting us to trespass so frequently upon his time and energy, for his deep and kind understanding of our particular problems, and for his timely advice. We shall ever be grateful to him for his much-needed assistance.

It would be impossible for me to close my report to you without referring to the one hundredth anniversary of our beloved Missouri Synod, a century of grace in which our forefathers fashioned from a mere handful of Lutheran Christians in our country in 1847, the more than 5,000 congregations with representation on every continent of the earth in the year 1947.

At the Centennial we naturally look back and thank and praise God for the blessing of His pure Word and the growth with which He has prospered our Lutheran Church. And we recognize with gratitude the blessings of the Almighty particularly upon the work of the women of our Church. However, we cannot afford to let our thoughts tarnish in the brilliance of the past’s glorious achievements. If we are to benefit from our God-pleasing observance of the Centennial, then it must make us definitely aware of our Christian stewardship in the years that lie ahead. For the Guild, our plans for the immediate future must concentrate on expansion. We must bring more women of our dear Lutheran Church into fellowship with us, so that they, too, may serve the Lord and His Kingdom by actively participating in our cause for Christian higher education. We must enlarge the sphere of the Guild by organizing new chapters and by increasing our memberships in already established chapters. From the ex-

ample of the consecrated men and women who, during the first century of our Synod, labored so arduously for their Lord and by faith through personal heroism and sacrifice performed almost the impossible, we should set our sights high and take courage, reconsecrating ourselves to the work of the Lord, trusting in the Savior’s promise that “He will bring it to pass.”

May He, Who showered His visible blessings upon the founders of our Synod, grant unto our Church purity of doctrine and to her members steadfast faith in the Savior as we enter into the second century. And may He bestow upon the members of the Guild the gifts of courage, vision, zeal and ardor, Christian charity, and steadfastness of purpose so that all our talents may be dedicated to the service of Him Who gave His all for us.

Respectfully submitted,  
LOUISE F. NICOLAY

Our New Project . . .

As you know, the major resolution adopted at the Guild’s most recent convention pledged $100,000 toward the erection of a small chapel on the new University campus. To assist in planning the campaign for this current project, the Administrative Committee is calling a special meeting on September 18, inviting the past presidents of the Guild, the field secretaries and the State Unit presidents to attend. Plans for the campaign adopted at this meeting then will be presented to the State Units at their forthcoming annual meetings. Since it is possible to reach the entire membership of the Guild through these State Unit meetings, the members of the Administrative Committee hope for 100 percent attendance.

Planning a Program?

The Valparaiso University technicolor sound film is an ideal feature around which to build an evening’s program for your chapter or for other congregational groups.

. . . “But We Shall Live” . . . how the years of war and peace have brought blessings to the Lutheran University. 16mm. 40 minutes length. For bookings write to The Department of Public Relations, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind.
My report to you on the office of the Executive Secretary must of necessity cover only the past six months, since I was appointed to that office on January 11, 1947. It was necessary to spend some time in acquainting myself with the routine of the office and with the work of the Guild from the standpoint of an officer in that organization. There was a January Bulletin to be edited, which also involved delving into the intricacies of an addressograph system for the mailing of such a Bulletin.

On the last day of February and the first day of March an Executive Board meeting was held on the campus. Your Administrative officers were very kind and helpful in advising me as to procedure and plans for this meeting. Such a meeting of the women who carry a large measure of administrative responsibility for their chapters and for the work of the Guild at large is mutually beneficial because all the work of the Guild is thoroughly discussed and expressions from the members of the Executive Board and from the Administrative Board bring a closer understanding of the objectives of the Guild, and help in laying foundations for new and wider horizons. We are made conscious once more that we are collaborators in the Kingdom and that we are in a business that cannot fail because God is a partner in it; that we can all take part in this mighty enterprise; that God will carry the heavy end of it if we will add whatever strength we have; that God is greater than our problems; that He is adequate for all situations; that we must not despise the little we can do — if it is our best; that God has ways of using what we offer — if we offer it in sincerity and simple love—and blessing it into a miracle, as He did the loaves by Galilee.

We are clearly responsible for certain things — for trying to live up to the Highest and doing what we can in the Church and in the Nation to increase the forces that make for righteousness. We have responsibility to our homes, to our children, to our neighbors, to our leaders. But so often, no matter what our zeal and fidelity as citizens and parents and Christians, we cannot make things come out always as we want them. The next best thing is to leave the outcome in the hands of God. All we can do is plant and water; it is God who gives the increase.

In that spirit the whole program of expansion was discussed by those assembled for the Executive Board meeting. Guild expansion, and the best ways and means for increasing membership were discussed at length. All Field Secretaries reported; and State Unit Presidents reported. There were suggestions that our members appear before pastoral conferences and talk on the work of Valpo and the Guild; that perhaps rural communities would like to lend a helping hand in a very different and unique way; that if someone is very well acquainted in a certain community she offer to go with the Field Secretary and act as a very important link in the establishing of a new chapter; that we must never cease informing our laity about the unusual advantages Valpo has to offer young people; that education of and acquaintance with Valpo's program must never falter. However, after these and all other ideas and suggestions had been expressed, it was the consensus of opinion that personal contact alone will eventually bring the results desired. In every community there are a few women who are interested in a program such as Valpo offers, and personal contact with them usually results in their willingness to advance the cause by rallying around them others who have an interest in doing things that are
worthwhile. If each one of you will give this matter of expansion some serious thought and communicate your contacts to the Field Secretary or to me, we will take it up from there and plan our next year's expansion itinerary accordingly. Valparaiso University is growing — and it is growing fast — academically and physically — and the Guild will want to keep pace with this growth.

If there are walls out in the field, standing in the way of good things, holding the Kingdom back, hindering the advance of Christian light and wisdom, our faith must attack the walls. "Like a Mighty Army Moves the Church of God." Put a faith like that in the hearts of women and you put in motion a potent force that will level all the walls. One day when the Reformation looked hopeless, when its foes seemed too strong to overcome, Luther said to Melanchthon, "Come Phillip, we will sing the 46th Psalm." And the strong words "God is our refuge and strength" put heart into them again.

We are as weak as we choose to be, or strong as the grace of God can make us. No difficulty shall ever frighten us, no duty shall ever daunt us, if we have learned to use the riches of our resources which are in God.

When the Field Secretaries sent in their written reports for the year it showed that they have been working. In some of the territories work has not progressed far enough along to be able to report the organization of new chapters. Ground work has been laid and results should be evident in the near future.

Mrs. H. W. Bartels, field secretary for Ohio, reports a new chapter in Cincinnati, and recommends this fine group of women to our National Guild. Mrs. Earl Padgett, the president of this new group, is with us today, and I should like to present her to the convention. Broadlands, Ill., was organized since the last national Guild convention, and Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, field secretary for Central Illinois, endorses this energetic group and recommends them to the convention. We have five of their eight members with us today. May I present Mrs. P. E. Kerkhoff, the president of the Broadlands chapter, and the other members of her chapter who are present?

Miss Lydia Schultz, field secretary for Wisconsin, takes much pleasure in reporting the organization of a chapter in Oshkosh, Wis. She invited six to eight interested women to luncheon, and from that contact there came into existence the Oshkosh chapter. We welcome them into the National Guild and present them to you today.

Mrs. Erwin Kurth, Field Secretary for Indiana, with pardonable pride presents the largest new chapter for the year. With a charter membership of 70 women the LaPorte, Ind., chapter was organized very recently, and they are eager to get started on whatever new project the Convention adopts today. Mrs. Paul Tanger, the newly-elected president, is with us today, as well as several other members of the chapter. I should like to present to you at this time Mrs. Tanger, and the members of the Laporte chapter present today. Mrs. Kurth also reports the enrollment of two new members in Decatur, Ind., who will be listed as individual members until the chapter in Decatur is organized.

Mrs. J. F. Woessner, field secretary for Pennsylvania, is very happy to report the organization very recently of a new chapter in Pittsburgh composed of business and professional women in Pittsburgh. The temporary chairman, Miss Ellen Havekotte, is with us today, as well as two or three other members of this new group. May I present to the National Convention this new chapter? And I shall ask Miss Havekotte and her members to acknowledge this presentation by taking a bow.

There is much to be said about the possibility of interesting the business and professional women in the urban communities in Valpo's cause and suggesting that they band together for the purpose of lending their talents to the cause of preparing young men and young women to take their places in the business and professional world. These women, who are meeting the public daily and who must keep abreast of the many things in this fast changing world, will be alert to the many benefits which accrue from higher education. We will do well to give some thought to this potential strength in our communities.

Our president, Miss Nicolay, will present to you today our State Unit presidents. At the Executive Board meeting last night the State Unit presidents announced the dates for their State Unit meetings. And because these meetings are going to be an important link in the program of the Guild for the coming year, I am going to give you at this time the dates for the meetings:

September 23—Wisconsin State Unit, Plymouth, Wis.
October 1—Michigan State Unit, Monroe, Mich.
October 8—Ohio State Unit, Napoleon, Ohio.
October 11—Indiana State Unit, Hammond, Ind.
October 18—Illinois-Missouri State Unit, Elgin, Ill.

May I suggest that you who are present today urge upon your members the importance of attending these State Unit meetings. Much of the program for next year's work will be discussed at these meetings, and the exchange of thought should be very helpful. They are also the means of getting better acquainted with the members in each respective State Unit.

Today, after our business session, we shall proceed to the new campus and take part in the dedicatory services for the two new residence halls on our campus. With humble and grateful hearts we will acknowledge that God has been gracious to us in giving us the privilege of helping to build Guild Hall. It has meant hard work and a relentless devotion to a cause which was dear to our hearts.

Everything in this life that is most precious has come to us out of struggle and sacrifice. Whenever we come to a place that we call a shrine, we know that somebody's self-sacrifice has consecrated it. What makes a shrine is greatness of heart. All growth, all achievement, are rendered possible by obstacles alone. Our project in the Kingdom is one of promotion. It starts with the idea that the Church is important and that it and all it stands for is worthy of our gifts, our talents, and our prayers.

As we go out to dedicate Guild Hall and Memorial Hall to the service of God and humanity, we will also pay tribute to the courage and vision of the women of the Guild who were among the first to undertake a part of the building program. The dedication of Guild and Memorial Halls marks the official opening of the new Valparaiso University campus. And though it may be yet a little while until the buildings are completed and ready for occupancy, let us always be mindful of the fact that they are the consequence of somebody's prayer.

And now as the Guild goes forward by adopting a new project at this convention, may we recall the watchword “The Lord hath need of them”—“The Lord hath need of them”—that same Lord is on His way to our cities, to our homes, our social life and business life. How can He get there unless we lend Him what we have to help Him, our talents, our position in life, our willing consecration to His cause? The Church is His body, the thing He functions through, in His efforts to bring the world to God. He has no other way to make His Kingdom come, except by means of us, of our very persons and possessions. And Valparaiso University and the work of the Guild has a part in that plan.

After we leave this convention let us take a few moments each day and just be still—to think about these things—and let God visit with us. It is in quietness we feel the certainty of God overarching everything. We are always happier and stronger when we go apart and rest a while. And we will be coming out of these communions with our Heavenly Father with cleaner minds and stouter hearts. And He will bless us in our future efforts. Let us “Build With the Guild.”

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Appointments . . .

The Administrative Committee is happy to announce the appointment of the following Field Secretaries:

**Illinois**
- Mrs. Fred G. Homann, Mattoon
- Mrs. A. A. Taube, Oak Park
- Mrs. Erwin Kurth, Ft. Wayne
- Mrs. O. Rosenbusch, Detroit
- Mrs. Karl Kurth, St. Louis
- Mrs. W. A. Drews, Buffalo
- Mrs. F. J. Schumm, Toledo
- Miss Lydia Schultz, Milw.

Committees appointed by the President are as follows:

**Activities:**
- Mrs. E. N. Moore, Chairman; Mrs. E. S. Snyder, all of Cleveland.

**Revisions:**
- Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Detroit, Chairman;
- Mrs. Martin Hemmeter, Saginaw, Mrs. W. W. Walker, Elyria.

To fill a long-felt need, the president, with the approval of the Administrative Committee, makes the following additional appointment:

**Parliamentarian:** Mrs. W. N. Hoppe.
A audience truly representative of Lutheranism throughout the length and breadth of our country joined with the delegates of the Valparaiso University Guild in dedicating the new residence halls on July 26. Many guests from the Synodical Centennial Convention in Chicago made the pilgrimage to Valparaiso for the occasion.

The academic procession filed across the quadrangle during the opening hymn, and the invocation was spoken by Dean Walter E. Bauer. Dr. L. J. Sieck, president of Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, gave in his address a clear cut and understanding presentation of the special functions of the Lutheran University. To him the new residence halls represented the glorious blessing which has rewarded the labors of all who have been supporting Christian higher education at Valparaiso.

After anthems sung by the University choir under the direction of Prof. Richard Schoenbohm, Dr. O. P. Kretzmann introduced Dr. C. F. Hoopman, president of the Lutheran Church in Australia, who brought greetings from across the Pacific. In the dedicatory ceremonies which followed, Miss Louise Nicolay presented Guild Hall in behalf of the Valparaiso University Guild, and Mr. Fred Wehrenberg presented Memorial Hall in behalf of members of the Lutheran University Association. Dr. W. C. Dickmeyer, chairman of the Board of Trustees, gave the address of acceptance. The dedicatory prayers were led by President Kretzmann and the recessional hymn was sung. Prof. Theo. Hoelty-Nickel, organist, accompanied the singing.

Tours of the new residences and of the west campus were arranged for the visitors and the day's festivities closed with the annual Guild dinner in the event.—Lois Sorn
A visit to the campus of our Lutheran University to see and hear what has been accomplished, what is being done and what magnificent opportunities for development and expansion lie ahead—such was the experience of several hundred Guild members in convention assembled at Valparaiso, Ind., July 26, 1947.

It is always a pleasure to be in attendance at a meeting of the Guild Executive Board. It was a particular privilege to be present when the Board met in Recital Hall on the eve of the convention, to see and to hear in a more intimate way the top executives of the Guild. In the early evening the hall seemed filled to capacity, but as the meeting progressed, more and more members crowded into the room, until it seemed that all officers, all chapter presidents, all field secretaries, state chairmen and past presidents must be in attendance. The pre-convention business was expeditiously handled in preparation for the sessions on the morrow. For the first time in many a year your reporter had no particular convention duty and could calmly relax and enjoy every detail of this greatest of all Guild Conventions.

There was many a warm greeting between fellow members of the Guild as they began assembling for breakfast early on Saturday morning in Lembeke Hotel and in Altruria Dining Hall on the campus.

It was an honor to extend a welcome hand to Mrs. O. C. Kreinheder, absent from the campus for several years. We learned to know Mrs. Kreinheder as the “first lady of the campus” during the pioneer days of the Guild. She was a true helpmate to her husband who successfully served Valparaiso University as president during many trying years.

... Mrs. H. W. Bartels, always charming and friendly, is one of the Guild’s most active members since the beginning... and our beloved past-president, Mrs. H. A. Eberline, who maintains her very deep interest, was graciousness personified... we can always depend on our immediate past-president, Mrs. A. A. Taube, to lend her counsel and aid—as sincere and staunch as they come. In mentioning the names of these ardent workers we cannot overlook Mrs. Martin Hemmeter, the energetic worker from up Saginaw way, who did so much in organizing the chapters in the strongest state in the Guild—Michigan.

It was gratifying to greet Mrs. Boeger, Mrs. Bodenstab, Mrs. Bartholomew... Miss Florence Gesell and Mrs. Arnold Scherer... Mrs. Fred Firchau and Mrs. W. H. Pruemers. Among the very new members there were...
Mr. Paul Tanger .... Mrs. Earl Padgett .... Miss Ellen Havekotte. Praiseworthy was the attendance of five new members including the president, Mrs. P. E. Kerkhoff, of the new Broadlands, Illinois chapter, which has a total membership of eight, proving that no community is too small for the organization of a chapter.

My notes contain many, many other names of members present and which I should like to mention here, but the editor, as editors are wont to do, may use her sharp, sharp scissors to preserve space.

It was a solemn, spiritual joy to have a part in the convention’s opening devotions, to listen to an appropriate Scripture message by the Rev. Theo. Hoelt-Nickel and to lift our united voices in “A Mighty Fortress is our God.” The keynote for the convention had been admirably chosen. Dr. Martin Luther’s powerful hymn was in evidence not only in song, but also in the artistically designed convention program which carried the printed words of the first stanza successively across the bottom of its pages.

It was evident that our president, Miss Louise Nicolay, and her assisting staff of officers had worked hard to streamline this convention. Not a minute was lost in features other than those incidental to the business at hand. The sessions progressed and the business was conducted smoothly and efficiently. We were impressed with the fine, consecrated Christian spirit of those women who are our leaders in the Guild. . . . we were impressed with the efficiency of our executives and with the high type of members in general.

Admittedly, this was the most successful year in the history of the Guild, both from the standpoint of memberships and receipts of monies. The 53 chapters, comprising approximately 4,000 members, contributed a total of $37,196.42 in this one year. More than $98,000 has been raised for Guild Hall, the Guild’s six-year project. Dr. Kretzmann, in paying his respects to the members in the afternoon session, gave recognition of the tremendous power of the Guild and commended the members for their generous gifts. The success of this record gave birth to a new and even greater project. By unanimous adoption, we now have a new dream of the future—a beautiful prayer chapel that is to be a unit of a large and imposing cathedral, which will some day rear its lofty spire heavenward on an imposing campus site, testifying to all the world
that here is a Christian institution proclaiming Christ as the Savior of all mankind.

The convention sessions were brought to a close on scheduled time, enabling the members to arrive early on the scene for the dedicatory ceremonies of Guild Hall and Memorial Hall. The square, central court between the two buildings formed the appropriate setting. The weather was beautifully warm and sunny this late afternoon as we watched the impressive procession of faculty, board of trustees, official guests and officers of the Guild follow the crucifer and flag bearers up the steps to their places of honor on the rostrum.

As at the cornerstone laying, so also at the dedication, the same processional hymn sounded forth:

"O, God, our Help in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come,
Our Shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal Home!"

and concluded with these words of the last stanza:

"Be Thou our Guard while life shall last,
And our eternal Home!"

The forty-sixth Psalm—the invocation . . . the dedicatory address by the Rev. Louis Siek, President of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis . . . the Anthem by Prof. Schoenbohm’s choir . . . and then the big moment when our beloved president, Miss Louise Nicolay, stood before us on the rostrum and spoke these distinct words that carried to the farthermost corner of the quadrangle:

"By the grace of God and with the united prayers and efforts of her 4,000 members the Valparaiso University Guild has been privileged to bring to a successful conclusion the six-year campaign for Guild Hall. Therefore, on behalf of the Guild I now present Guild Hall to the Board of Trustees of Valparaiso University. May all those who dwell within its walls come under the influence of God’s precious Word and be strengthened in the faith."

. . . . the dedication “in the name of the Triune God . . . to the service of His Kingdom. . .” by President O. P. Kretzmann. The memory of this day shall never be forgotten!

The customary convention banquet took on a new aspect this year. As an innovation, the men were permitted to crash the “inner sanctum” of this event. Many of these men had taken time out from the strenuous days of the Centennial Convention in Chicago and joined in the dedicatory ceremonies as well as in the banquet. This historic occasion boasted of being international in character since we had representatives from Australia, China, India, Central Europe and other parts of the world. This hour of fellowship consisted of congenial camaraderie while partaking of delectable foods. A varied program, with Miss Nicolay doing the honors as chairman, featured music by the University Madrigals and the main address by Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, who addressed the assembly on the greatest woman who ever lived on this earth—Mary, the mother of Jesus.

An incident occurred, amusing to us but embarrassing to two members. Did you see or hear Mrs.— and Mrs.— from— (I knew the editor would cut those names) who dashed into the banquet hall several minutes late for the appointed time? They saw everyone sitting at the table and hastily concluded that all had been served. They went immediately to the smorgasbord, helped themselves generously to turkey, ham, several kinds of salad, a choice of relishes, dessert and beverage; and then, with plates heaped high, they retired to two vacant places at the table, when to their utter consternation they saw all eyes focused in their direction and learned that they were the only ones who had food—the guests had not yet been invited to form the line to the smorgasbord. Oh me! These two ladies appeared to appreciate the jocular atmosphere of this event and remained at their seats with smiles.

A word of commendation must be said about the Valparaiso Chapter Convention Committee. These members are Mrs. R. Schoenbohm, Mrs. M. E. Zimmerman, Mrs. Robert Springsteen, Mrs. E. E. Goehring, Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann, Mrs. Karl Henrichs, Miss Lois Sohn, Mrs. W. G. Friedrich, Miss Jane Rock and their many assistants. The Guild is deeply appreciative of their extensive preparations that highlighted our convention with fine entertainment and all possible comfort and enjoyment. The impressive candlelight vespers and installation of officers held in the University Auditorium concluded a very busy though very delightful day.

As we departed, homeward bound, we reflected again on our united common task to “Build with the Guild.”

—Contributed by Mrs. W. N. Hoppe

Hospitality is the virtue which induces us to feed and lodge certain persons who are not in need of food and lodgings.— Farmer’s Journal.
MINUTES of the
16th Annual Convention
Valparaiso University
July 26, 1947

The sixteenth annual convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was called to order by the president, Miss Louise Nicolay, on Saturday, July 26, 1947, at 9:30 A. M. in the University Auditorium. The Rev. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel conducted the opening devotional service. Miss Lena Mae Ashpaugh served as organist during the singing of a hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Prof. Nickel based his address on the admonition, "Ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19-20). He told us of our obligation to God and to our fellowmen. Each of us, the speaker said, is a part of a larger pattern. No one lives independently; each is a part of God's thought and plan, and one day, when all the threads of life come together, we shall see that when we dealt with God. Each of us has a power for good or for evil which far outreaches the short span of years allotted to us. The important thing is not what men think but what God knows. Ultimately everything and everyone will be measured in this light. There is a God. Each of us is a part of the procession of life which passes in single file before Him. Our God is a God of mercy and compassion. He is a stranger on all the highways but one—the highway of love.

Prof. Nickel concluded his moving and thought-provoking address with a plea that we be a firm and sure faith in the Valiant One and of our Fortress. We, too, humbly confess that with might of ours can naught be done. We, too, believe that the Kingdom ours remaineth.

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The report of the Executive Board meeting of July 25, 1947, was read by the secretary. A motion to accept the report was made, seconded, and carried.

A congratulatory telegram from Mrs. Raymond Roehrkasse on behalf of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League was read by the secretary. Miss Nicolay announced that a similar telegram had been sent to the League at the time of its annual convention in Chicago.

Mrs. E. F. Stegman, first vice-president, then took the chair while the president made her annual report to the Guild.

Miss Nicolay spoke briefly of the convention keynote, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." She said, "The same profound importance may be attached to Martin Luther's stirring and mighty battle hymn today as was evidenced by its appearance in one of the first Protestant hymnals in 1529." We, too, have a firm and sure faith in the Valiant One whom God Himself elected. We, too, give praise and thanks to Him who is our Rock and our Fortress. We, too, humbly confess that with might of ours can naught be done.

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plement to the Manual is now ready for distribution.

Miss Nicolay thanked the members of the Project Committee, the Revisions Committee, and the Activities Committee for the cheerful and efficient manner in which they had discharged their duties. She expressed her gratitude to the field secretaries, chapter chairmen, State Unit officers, and to the members of the Administrative Committee, to Mrs. Heidbrink, and to the personnel of Dr. O. P. Kretzmann's office. She acknowledged her indebtedness to Dr. Kretzmann for his helpful advice, for his unselchless sacrifice of time and energy, and for his wise counsel and guidance. In conclusion, she asked God's continued blessing upon our Church in the years to come and implored His grace for the members of the Guild in their service to Him whose Word they still shall let remain.

Mrs. Fred Firchau, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS the annual report of our National Guild President at this convention contains timely information for the membership at large,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this report be printed in the next issue of the Guild Bulletin.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Arnold Scherer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS we, the members of the Valparaiso University Guild, hold in high regard the Lutheran Church of the Missouri Synod, and

WHEREAS our beloved Synod is celebrating its centennial this year, and

WHEREAS we recognize with gratitude to Almighty God the evident blessings which have been bestowed upon our beloved Church during the past century,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we join in grateful recognition of the marvelous blessings of the past century, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we remember especially the contribution made by women to the progress and welfare of our beloved Church, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we pledge our continued loyalty and devotion to the program - - both missionary and educational - - of our great Church, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the Missouri Synod.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. G. E. Penson presented the treasurer's report. She expressed her pleasure in the splendid financial showing made by the Guild during the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1947. Total receipts reached a new high of $37,217.48. Total disbursements were $36,881.80, leaving a balance on hand of $335.68.

Mrs. Penson read a letter from Dr. Kretzmann in which he expressed his deep appreciation to the members of the Guild for their loyal and untiring support of the University.

A letter from Prof. Willard N. Anderson, accountant and auditor, was read by the secretary. Prof. Anderson stated that the treasurer's books were in order and that all funds had been properly disbursed and allocated. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was seconded and carried.

At this point Dr. Kretzmann commented on the truly amazing record made by the Valparaiso University Guild. He congratulated all the members for their fine achievements and conveyed to them the sincere gratitude of the Lutheran University Association. Important as it is, he said, money is not the most important factor in the work of the Guild. Of far greater importance, he declared, is the spirit of devotion which prompted the Guild to labor for a great cause.

Mrs. Firchau moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS this convention of the Guild marks the achievement of one of our major objectives in the dedication of Guild Hall, and

WHEREAS the Guild assembled in national convention recognizes with gratitude and appreciation the unselchless work of individual chapters and members who have made this magnificent achievement possible,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guild assembled in national convention congratulate the individual chapters and members who have labored so unselchless for the cause of Christian higher education and bespeak God's continued blessing upon their work.

The resolution was adopted.

The following resolution, presented by Miss Martina Brauer, was adopted:

WHEREAS the Lutheran University Association has closed the Guild Hall account, the Guild having been privileged owing to the goodness of God, to more than pay the original pledge,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guild Hall account be closed and our efforts be turned toward a new project.

Miss Nicolay then called for the report of the Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink. Mrs. Heidbrink's report was detailed and highly informative. She expressed her appreciation of the confidence reposed in her by the members of the Guild and spoke of the benefits derived from her meetings with the Administrative Committee and the Executive Board.

Mrs. Heidbrink reviewed the meeting of the Executive Board held February 28 and March 1, 1947, and told of the many meetings of the Administrative Committee. The work of the field secretaries was discussed, and the organization of new chapters in Cincinnati, Ohio; Broadlands, Illinois; Oshkosh, Wis.; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and Laporte, Indiana, was announced. Representatives of the new chapters were introduced, and the new chapters were welcomed into the National
Guild. Mrs. Heidbrink stressed the urgent need for Guild expansion. The University, she said, is growing fast—academically and physically—and the Guild will want to keep pace with this growth. Like a mighty army moves the Church of God. This faith in the hearts of the women of the Guild, declared Mrs. Heidbrink, will give them strength and power to overcome many obstacles.

The dates set for the fall meetings of the State Units were announced, and the importance of attending these meetings was stressed by the speaker.

The dedication of Guild Hall brings the campaign for this building to a close. Mrs. Heidbrink suggested that, as the Guild goes forward by adopting a new project in this convention, we give to Him who is our Lord and our God our prayers, our talents, and a selfless consecration to His cause.

Mrs. Karl Bliese offered for adoption the following resolution:

WHEREAS Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink has admirably completed six months as Executive Secretary and has assisted in organizing five new chapters as well as successfully editing the Guild Bulletin,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we acknowledge with gratitude to God the splendid progress of the Guild during the past six months under her able leadership.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Scherer then presented a resolution addressed to the Lutheran University Association:

WHEREAS the Lutheran University Association has again generously supported the administrative work of the University Guild, and

WHEREAS this support has resulted in the most successful year in the entire history of the Guild,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we extend a sincere vote of thanks to the Lutheran University Association and its Board of Directors and pledge them our continued support and effort.

The resolution was adopted.

Miss Nicolay asked for, and received, a motion to accept into membership the following new chapters: Broadlands, Illinois; Mattoon, Illinois; Cincinnati, Ohio; Oshkosh, Wisconsin; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and LaPorte, Indiana. The motion was seconded and carried.

The president then presented the State Unit presidents:

Mrs. C. Bodenstab - Illinois and Missouri; Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew - Indiana; Mrs. Alvin Hitzemann - Michigan; Mrs. N. E. Bishop - New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio; Mrs. W. H. Pruemers - Wisconsin.

The convention acknowledged the splendid pioneer work of the State Unit presidents with a round of vigorous applause.

Next the field secretaries were presented:
The assembly joined in applauding the fine accomplishments of the field secretaries.

Miss Brauer offered the following resolution of gratitude:

WHEREAS the Guild is deeply grateful for the progress made under the capable leadership of its officers, field secretaries and presidents of State Units,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guild extend to them a hearty vote of thanks.

The resolution was adopted.

The president then called for the report of the Nominating Committee. Mrs. N. E. Bishop, chairman, presented the following slate:

For president Miss Louise Nicolay, of South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Karl A. Bliese, of Rockford, Illinois. For first vice-president Mrs. E. F. Stegman, of South Bend, Indiana; Mrs. Arthur Koss, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. For second vice-president Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, of Mattoon, Illinois; Mrs. Erhardt Puestel, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. For Secretary Miss Emily Doell, of Buffalo, New York; Mrs. Fred Firchau, of Saginaw, Michigan. For treasurer Mrs. G. E. Penson, of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Linda Mohr, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

There were no nominations from the floor. A motion to accept the slate and to close the nominations was seconded and carried.

The next order of business was the report presented by Mrs. E. N. Moore, chairman of the Activities Committee. Mrs. Moore reported the completion of a supplement to the new Guild Manual. She again stressed the fact that the Activities Committee is always ready to be of service to all the Guild chapters, and she again urged Guild members and chapter chairmen to send to her any new and novel ideas for Guild programs and special projects. A motion to accept Mrs. Moore's report was seconded and carried.

Miss Nicolay appointed Mrs. Karl Kurth, Mrs. E. H. Mittlestadt and Miss Florence Gesell to serve as tellers in the election of national officers.

Mrs. A. O. Kampe, chairman of the Revisions Committee, began her report by presenting a resolution submitted to the Executive Board in February, 1947, by the Buffalo chapter:

WHEREAS, in order to carry on the work of the Valparaiso Guild effectively, each chapter should be represented at Guild conventions, and

WHEREAS the chapters are located in a wide radius,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each chapter be asked to contribute the same stated amount and that the traveling expenses of a representative from each chapter be paid from this fund.
Mrs. Kampe said that her committee, acting upon the recommendation of the Executive Board, had made a careful study of the resolution and had drawn up the following substitute resolution:

Each chapter shall be expected to send at least one representative to the Guild convention and meetings of the Executive Board. The traveling expenses of this representative, not exceeding coach fare, will be paid by the National Guild.

Mrs. Kampe said that her committee recommended that this resolution be adopted as an amendment to Article 13, Section 4 of the national by-laws.

After a brief discussion a motion to adopt the substitute resolution was seconded and carried.

At this point the report of the Revisions Committee was interrupted to permit the presentation of the proposed budget for 1947-48. The proposed budget and the individual items were read and explained by the treasurer, Mrs. Penson. A motion to accept the budget was made, seconded, and carried.

The budget resolution read as follows:

WHEREAS a budget based on past expenditures and allowing for additional expenditures has been prepared,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we adopt the proposed budget for 1947-48 in the amount of $3,662.50, as presented by the national treasurer.

Mrs. Kampe then resumed the reading of her report. She read an overture presented to the 1946 convention by the Saginaw chapter:

WHEREAS the place of convention influences a strong representation from nearby chapters and handicaps representation from distant chapters,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that each chapter be recognized by a uniform registered delegate vote in the National Convention.

WHEREAS chapter members should be able to guide their delegate in expressing their sentiment by timely discussion of the convention program at their respective meetings, and

WHEREAS the chapter delegate is not always informed of resolutions affecting the Guild or its chapters and, consequently, cannot conscientiously express the sentiment of her chapter,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a printed agenda of the convention's tentative program be sent to the president of each chapter as soon as possible following the spring meeting of the National Executive Board to provide ample time for deliberation of the same at chapter meetings prior to the National Convention, and

FURTHER RESOLVED that any resolution submitted to the National Guild, affecting the policy of the Guild or its chapters, be submitted, before adoption, to the individual chapters.

After a careful study of the original overture the Revisions Committee submitted the following considerations:

1. Ultimately the National Guild will undoubtedly move toward a delegate convention. Such delegate votes should then be apportioned upon the basis of the membership of each chapter. This, however, should not be done until we are assured that there will be several hundred delegates voting at each convention. Under the present circumstances your committee feels that the Guild is still too small to warrant such a step. We believe that it will add a great deal to the vitality and enthusiasm for the Guild if each chapter is permitted to send as many members as they possibly can. Your committee further feels that controversial matters are so very rare in the Guild that a delegate vote would seldom be necessary. On the basis of these considerations your committee recommends that the first resolution of the Saginaw chapter be referred to the Administrative Committee for action when the necessity for such action arises.

2. Concerning the second resolution: Your committee wishes to call attention to the fact that some of the important Guild resolutions have already been printed in the Guild Bulletin immediately preceding the convention. Under our present form of organization it is hardly possible for a detailed agenda of the convention program to be sent out any appreciable time before the convention. Your committee, however, recommends that the Administrative Committee be instructed to print as much as possible of the convention program each year in the Guild Bulletin immediately preceding the convention.

3. Concerning the last resolution of the Saginaw chapter: Your committee wishes to call attention to the danger of sending instructed delegates to any national meeting. We feel that the health and strength of our National Guild depends on the ability of each delegate to come to the convention, hear the arguments for and against a given resolution, and then make up her mind on the basis of the evidence submitted. It would be exceedingly unfortunate if the policy of the Guild would be determined in the individual chapter and the National Convention would be merely a rubber stamp for chapter decisions. Your committee feels that all delegates should have the freedom and opportunity to discuss matters and to reach their own decision. It is evident, of course, that the national officers will then present matters in detail to the local chapters for their consideration and eventual approval. This should, however, not be done before the National Guild in convention assembled has an opportunity to discuss the matter thoroughly on the convention floor.

To permit a better understanding of the original overture and of the suggested re-
visions the points under discussion were considered separately. Dr. Kretzmann as-
sisted in clarifying the issues involved in
the first recommendation. A motion to adopt
the revision was then seconded and carried.
After a discussion of the second and third
recommendations made by the Revisions
Committee a motion to adopt the revisions
was seconded and carried.

The next order of business was the formal
adoption of the slogan, BUILD WITH THE GUILD.
Mrs. Scherer moved the adoption of the fol-
lowing resolution:

WHEREAS the Valparaiso University
Guild, in convention assembled in June,
1942, unanimously resolved to sponsor a
slogan contest for the Guild, and

WHEREAS many slogans were sub-
mitted in the contest and were judged by
dr three duly appointed judges, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-
mentioned slogan contest, the judges
awarded first place to Mrs. Edward W.
Jaeger, of Chicago, Illinois, and

WHEREAS the slogan, BUILD WITH
THE GUILD, since the above award, has
been used in official publications of the
Guild and in printed matter of the Guild,
but has never been adopted as the official
slogan of the Guild, and

WHEREAS the Administrative Com-
mittee of the Guild recommends that
BUILD WITH THE GUILD be adopted as
the official slogan of the Guild,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that
this National Guild Convention of July
26, 1947, adopt the slogan, BUILD WITH
THE GUILD, as its official slogan.

The resolution was adopted.

The convention then turned to the elec-
tion of officers. Ballots were distributed and col-
lected by the tellers.

At 11:45 A. M. the president declared the
meeting recessed.

The second session of the convention was
called to order by Miss Nicolay at 1:15 P. M.

Roll call by chapters revealed that five
past presidents, six national officers, nine
field secretaries, five State Unit presidents,
the chairman of all standing committees, and
representatives from thirty-seven chapters
were in attendance. A letter extending con-
gratulations and best wishes from Mrs. Henry
Mast, chairman of the Buffalo chapter, who
was unable to be present, was read by the
secretary

Mrs. William Holtz, chairman, presented the
report of the Project Committee. Mrs. Holtz
declared that she felt sure that every Guild
member and every mother would feel a deep
personal satisfaction in assisting in providing
for the spiritual welfare of the student body
of Valparaiso University. Therefore her com-
mittee recommended that the Guild spon-
 sor the erection of a small chapel, to cost
about $100,000 on the new University
campus. This small chapel would be part of
the affairs of the Guild and commended the efficient manner
in which the affairs of the Guild are adminis-
tered. Dr. Kretzmann reported that the past
year has been one of growth of the University
in spite of the many difficulties which are a
part of the postwar scene. Six years ago, he
said, Valparaiso was a small, quiet Indiana
college with an enrollment of 300. Today the

hearts could find solace and in which grate-
ful hearts could sing hymns of praise and
thanksgiving. Dr. Kretzmann added his en-
dorsement to the recommendation made by
the Project Committee. He said that just as
six years ago the Guild took the initiative in
planning for the new dormitory which is
known as Guild Hall, so today the Guild
could take the initial steps in providing for
a place in which the spiritual needs of the
student body could be cared for.

The Resolutions Committee then presented
the following resolution:

WHEREAS God in His goodness has
permitted us to complete our obligation
to Guild Hall and we are eager to turn
our zeal and enthusiasm to a new project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that
this group in convention here assembled
take as our next project, the pledging of
the amount of $100,000 towards the erec-
tion of a small chapel, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we
do this to the glory of God and expansion
of His Kingdom.

The resolution was adopted.

Dr. Kretzmann informed the convention
that the Lutheran Laymen's League, assem-
bled in convention in Chicago, had pledged
$500,000 for the erection of a new Adminis-
tration Building on the new campus. In recog-
nition of this generous action on the part of
the Lutheran Laymen's League the Resolu-
tions Committee moved the adoption of the
following resolution:

WHEREAS the Valparaiso University
Guild, in convention here assembled,
takes recognition of the splendid generos-
ity of the Lutheran Laymen's League in
presenting a Memorial Building to the
Lutheran University Association,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that
we, the members of the Valparaiso Guild,
join the Lutheran University Association
in expressing our grateful appreciation for
this momentous contribution to the
glorious cause of Christian higher educa-
tion.

The resolution was adopted.

At this time Miss Nicolay asked for sug-
gestions as to the manner in which details for
the new Guild project should be worked out.
Numerous suggestions were made from the
floor. Further discussion led to a motion to
authorize the Administrative Committee
to work out plans for a campaign to raise $100,-
000 to be used for the erection of a small
University chapel. The motion was seconded
and carried.

Miss Nicolay then introduced Dr. O. P.
Kretzmann, president of Valparaiso Univer-
sity. Dr. Kretzmann based his address on
the Guild slogan, BUILD WITH THE GUILD.
He spoke of the past achievements of the
Guild and commended the efficient manner
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tered. Dr. Kretzmann reported that the past
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in spite of the many difficulties which are a
part of the postwar scene. Six years ago, he
said, Valparaiso was a small, quiet Indiana
college with an enrollment of 300. Today the
picture is entirely different. Extensive changes have been made on the old campus, and many new residences and buildings have been acquired to accommodate a student body which numbers more than 1,700. There are many war veterans in this student body - young men and young women who are world-traveled, worldly-wise, and sophisticated far beyond anything previously experienced in college or university student bodies. They - and we - are paying the terrible price which war always exacts. The burdens of war and the cruel aftermath of war always fall heavily upon the younger generations. Our youthful veterans must make the difficult transition from the frenzy and tumult of war to the tasks of everyday living. They must be led patiently, firmly, and with sympathetic understanding. Valparaiso has made, and will continue to make, every effort to meet the challenge of the postwar world.

Dr. Kretzmann said that interest in the University has increased - notably within the Church. By September, 1948, the University hopes to establish a Department of Elementary Education, and there have been many requests for a School of Agriculture. "We are not standing still," the speaker declared, "we must ride the rising tide. There is no turning back. The debt is large. The alternative would have been death for the school. We will in our lifetime build a Lutheran University for the Church, or we will go down with banners flying. Today we dedicate Guild Hall. This is a beginning - the first step in a larger program."

Dr. Kretzmann then paid tribute to all the members of the Guild - to those who labored in their day and have gone on, and to those who still carry on the work of the Guild. He made special mention of the late Dr. O. C. Kreinheider, who did not live to see the culmination of a cherished dream. In conclusion, Dr. Kretzmann said that educators everywhere sadly acknowledge that education alone is not enough; we must give our youth something more. We must turn to religion for the answer.

Miss Brauer presented the following resolution to the convention:

WHEREAS Dr. O. P. Kretzmann, in his eloquent address "Build With the Guild," challenges each member to higher objectives, and

WHEREAS his unceasing encouragement in guiding our efforts into God-pleasing channels has proven to be of indispensable value to us,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we ask Almighty God to continue to bless him with health and the Spirit of Wisdom.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Karl Kurth, chairman of tellers, announced the election returns:

President—Miss Louise Nicolay.
First Vice-President—Mrs. E. F. Stegman.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. E. T. J. Birner.
Secretary—Miss Emily Doell.
Treasurer—Mrs. G. E. Penson.

Mrs. Kurth asked for a motion authorizing the tellers to destroy the ballots. The motion was made, seconded, and carried.

Mrs. Scherer moved the adoption of a resolution addressed to the retiring secretary:

WHEREAS Mrs. Walter Hansen has served the Guild as national secretary for the past three consecutive years, and

WHEREAS Mrs. Hansen has at all times served us faithfully, graciously, and efficiently,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a heartfelt vote of thanks be extended to her.

The resolution was adopted.

Mrs. E. T. J. Birner then presented the Guild Special for 1946-47. Mrs. Birner said "So far all the talk has been of big things; now it is time to speak of little things." In keeping with Guild tradition, Mrs. Birner presented a gift of flat silverware as the Guild's annual small gift to the University. Dr. Kretzmann accepted the gift for the University.

Miss Nicolay announced that the Executive Board had approved a suggestion to purchase one or more fine pictures as the Guild Special for 1947-48. Mrs. Firchau moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Guild has assumed the major responsibility for Guild Hall and its furnishings, and

WHEREAS the need for suitable pictures for the entrance hall and reception room of Guild Hall has been established,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Guild Special for 1947-48 be the purchase of appropriate pictures.

The resolution was adopted.

The following resolution, addressed to Mrs. Otto Sohn, was adopted by the convention:

WHEREAS the Rev. Otto Sohn has accepted the call to St. Louis, Missouri, and we wish her Godspeed and pray that God continue to bless her efforts in behalf of the Valparaiso University Guild,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we wish her Godspeed and pray that God continue to bless her efforts in behalf of the Valparaiso University Guild.

The business of the convention being concluded, Miss Nicolay called on the Resolutions Committee for further resolutions.

Mrs. Bliese moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS the following committees: Activities, Nominating, Project, Revision, as well as the reporters and tellers, have contributed much of their time and effort to make this convention a success,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we acknowledge with gratitude the untiring efforts of all who have helped to make the business meetings run smoothly.

The resolution was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee then offered a general resolution of thanks to everyone who had assisted in planning and carrying out the...
details of the 1947 convention:

WHEREAS the many details of this sixteenth annual convention were so capably handled by the following and their respective committees,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a hearty vote of thanks be extended to Miss Lena Mae Ashpaugh, the accompanist;

the Chapel Choir;

the Rev. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel for opening devotions;

the Chicago chapter for the tea and social hour;

Mr. J. Garrison for the luncheon surprise;

Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink for various efforts in arranging the details of the convention;

the Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Prof. R. Schoenbohm;

the Home Mountain Publishing Company, of South Bend, for our complimentary booklets;

Dr. Louis J. Sieck, president of Concordia Seminary, for his dedication address, and Dr. W. E. Thrun for marshalling the dedicatory service;

the convention committee and all members of the Valparaiso chapter, for housing, programs, transportation, decorations, publicity, luncheon and banquet arrangements, and any other assistance in the many details of organization and execution of convention plans;

Dr. C. F. Hoopman, president of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Australia, for his inspiring remarks at the Guild banquet.

The resolution was adopted.

Miss Nicolay then asked for a motion to thank the members of the Resolutions Committee for their splendid service to the convention. The motion was made, seconded and carried.

A brief general discussion period followed. Dr. Kretzmann answered many questions addressed to him from the floor.

Announcements pertaining to the dedicatory service and to the Guild banquet were made by Mrs. Heidbrink.

Miss Nicolay announced that orders for special University and Guild calendars would be received at the registration desk.

A motion for adjournment was made, seconded and carried.

Miss Nicolay closed the meeting by reading a beautiful prayer written especially for the occasion by the Rev. E. W. Broders, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, South Bend, Indiana.

The convention was adjourned at 3:15 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne L. Hansen, Secretary

News Item...

From one of our youngest chapters comes the following interesting news item regarding their first project:

"Unique, unusual and most artistic was the Flower Show and program tea attended by 300 persons, held at St. John's Lutheran Parish Hall Thursday afternoon and evening, September 4, when the LaPorte Chapter entertained at its first project for the benefit of the University Guild's Project Fund.

"Gorgeous bouquets of colorful gladiolus, petunias, asters, phlox, roses, azalias, pansies, hydrangeas, Resurrection lilies, and dahlias along with snow-on-the mountain and cattails, all grown by LaPorte flower lovers were so beautifully arranged as to make any florist envious. Many of the containers were also of especial interest: one, the head of a woman wearing a large brimmed hat, the crown of which was a container holding gay purple petunias. Hurricane lamps made picturesque holders, as did both high and low bowls and vases of all descriptions.

"Two displays of cacti were interesting. One was gay with color and suggestions of Mexico where it grows so plentifully. Among unusual plants shown were a sacred lily from India, a Mexican gardenia, and a "Red Hot Poker" plant, a native of Africa.

"The tea table's centerpiece was a gorgeous bouquet of pastel-colored garden flowers and the small tables, at which the guests were seated to enjoy the refreshments served en buffet, were each centered with different floral arrangements. Small evergreen trees decorated the stage. A musical program consisting of selections by a vocalist, a pianist, and songs by a woman's trio brought to a close a most charming event. Mrs. Paul Tanger is president of the chapter. Mrs. Chester Schering was general chairman, assisted by large committees headed by Mrs. Norman A. Sallwasser in charge of refreshments; Mrs. William Kalsow, Jr., of the program; Mrs. Maurice Feurer of tickets; and Mrs. Walter Burger and Miss Adelheid Schumm of the dining room and the displays."