Holy Night! Peaceful Night!

Slowly

Star of Peace, bless us tonight!

Thro' the dark, dark sky the guiding Star appears

Alleluias, Alleluias, Alleluias

Glory to God in the highest, Peace on earth and good will to men

Where they sweet vict'rous angels keep, O'er the Babe who</p>

Lord, and ever more remain

Hark, the herald angels sing: Hail to the King, Christ the Lord
Christmas Greetings

In a few days the Christian world will celebrate anew the birthday of the Holy Child of Bethlehem. The magic of the Christmas season will soon be upon us, and songs of joy and adoration will be heard from every part of the globe. The hearts of men will be united as they commemorate the incarnation of the Savior—of Mankind, as they give thanks for that wonderful gift which Martin Luther called “the greatest gift, which far exceeds all else that God has created.”

Almost 2,000 years have passed since the glory of the Lord illumined the plains of Bethlehem and the angel choirs sang their triumphant Gloria to the star-tired shepherds. But time has neither dimmed nor diminished the miracle of the Nativity. The star which led the Wise Men of the East to the manger bed of the Infant Jesus still shines as a lodestar in our bleak and shadowed world. The message of the herald angel has not lost its majesty and power. The announcement, “Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord,” still falls like a benediction on anxious and troubled hearts. Today, tomorrow, and forever our hope for salvation rests upon the Child Whose name is called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

The Administrative Committee extends warm greetings to all members of the Guild, to their families and to their friends. May the peace, the joy, and the blessing of Christmas be with you in abundant measure during the holiday season and throughout the new year.

ANNE L. HANSEN
My dear Friends:

During the past twenty years we have repeatedly called on the members of the Guild for various services to the University which were made necessary by the special conditions which confronted us at the time. As all the members of the Guild know, our most pressing and immediate problem at the present moment lies in the area of student enrollment. It is evident that the world situation will call many of our boys away from the campus during the next year or two. In order to approximate our present enrollment it will therefore be necessary for all of us to present the advantages and services of our Lutheran University to as many high school students as possible. For this task we shall have to enlist the help of every member of the University Guild.

I hope it will be possible for all chapters of the Guild to conduct at least one meeting for the juniors and seniors in high school this year. We have found that such gatherings can be of real value in persuading our boys and girls to come to our Lutheran University.

In addition, I sincerely hope that every member of the Guild will present the cause of our University to prospective students at every possible opportunity. I shall be most grateful if any member of the Guild will send me the names of prospective students so that we can get in touch with them directly. With our national constituency and the consecrated efforts of the members of the Guild I am certain that we shall be able to maintain our present enrollment.

Financially and spiritually the Guild has been of tremendous help to the University during the past twenty years. I am certain that all members of the Guild, realizing the critical nature of the world situation as it affects all American colleges and universities, will rally to this new challenge and will bring just as many new students to our campus as possible during the next two years.

May I also take this opportunity to extend to every member of the Guild my sincere good wishes for a Christmas of peace and happiness, and a New Year which will be blessed by the continuing presence of our common Savior.

Sincerely yours,

O. P. Kretzmann
President, Valparaiso University
Report of the Executive Secretary

All of you will recall the closing sentence of the Convention Reporter of last year's convention, when she said:

"Emerging from the convention was the sure feeling that it was more than the companionship of the university family, more than the inspiring discussions, more than the excitement of a formal banquet. It's walking down a road in a little Indiana town and seeing a stately Guild Hall rising on the new campus, knowing that in a few years a prayer chapel will take its place on the hill beside it, and that many hands working together will have accomplished it."

That was a beautiful way of summing up the results of the efforts of many. And today we find ourselves again looking back to what the Guild has meant to us as individuals.

To quote Bernard Shaw: "Life is no brief candle to me—but a sort of splendid torch—that I have got hold of for a while—and I mean to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to the next generation."

Members of the Guild have the firm conviction that they are here for a purpose and that they want to do all in their power to pass on the torch to the next generation. We are sure that we must find a meaning in life, or it will be over and done and gone before we know it. If life is to be rich, we must have a work and a cause to live for. Human souls are made great by the causes they serve with high devotion.

We take the life that has been given to us—the only original gift we will ever receive—and use it to make the only original contribution we will ever make—to be the persons we are capable of becoming. Emerson said: "What you are, is God's gift to you; what you do with yourself, is your gift to God." Our living is determined not so much by what life brings to us as by the attitude we bring to life. circumstances and situations do color life—but we have been given the mind to choose what the color shall be. The thoughts we live with—the faiths we live by—the images we cherish—the spiritual relationships we cling to—determine the way we live. In our lives are hidden sources for great living—our life has a foundation under it, horizons around it, and purpose running through it. Greatness in living is linking our lives with something that belongs not merely to our age, but to all ages—something that will last on after we have left this world. And so we ask the Lord to use us in this effort to help build Valparaiso University. As we listen to the footsteps of the coming millions, we think about tomorrow's youth today—and plan that it shall have all advantages that our faith can give to it. In addition to their deep devotion to the enormous varieties of services and activities within the Church, many women—especially the members of the Guild—have caught a vision of the wide outreach of the educational program offered for the laity by Valparaiso University. This work is carried upon prayerful hearts by all members of the Guild. The impact of their concern for better facilities at the University for a program which will provide for the broad, cultural, and spiritual development of the individual cannot be measured. In the Guild there is opportunity for the "Martha" and for the "Mary" in every woman. Members in the various chapters have been energetic and full of initiative; they have been dependable, cheerful, and kindly in the devotion to a great cause.

We may well be proud as women and as members of the Guild because of the enviable record we have had during the past year. Ever since the Guild has been established we have gone forward—helping, never hindering, any program which was adopted. We are a part of that great company of illustrious men and women who are engaged in the promotion of a common cause; and at this time we join our hands firmly with them, resolved that the good which has been done in the past shall not be lost, but that further advances shall be made. We have every right to receive the noble acclaim of having had a most successful year. But in the final analysis we give God the glory. God alone prepares the heart of man to do what He, the God Almighty, wills. We know that all our planning and building and sacrificing is in hands mightier, stronger, and more powerful than our own. —There was the small boy—six or seven years of age—who used to ride on a high seat of a great wagon drawn by two and sometimes four horses. As he sat there beside his father, sometimes the father would place the reins in the boy's hands. But always when they came to a dangerous place, a railroad crossing, a curve in the road, or when they met another team, the father would place his huge hands over the boy's. So we, knowing that we cannot always trust our own will, place it in hands mightier, stronger, more powerful than our own. The deep, quiet loyalty which draws us together within the Guild, working side by side—sometimes against odds—so that every opportunity will be made avail-
able for the out-pouring of the continuing love of the Cross into the lives of our students, is one of the finest manifestations of our common life. For we are destined to carry small stones to the altars of God and to build according to the plan of the Eternal.

The message of the Guild's purpose and aim has come ringing down the years. I sincerely wish it were possible for this message to reach the hearts of all women within the borders of the Church—for Valparaiso must rely heavily upon the continuing assistance and generosity of thousands of individuals. The increase in membership in all chapters, the addition of new chapters in the Guild, as well as trying to interest the many thousands in our churches to take out $5.00 L.U.A. memberships, would be of tremendous help in supporting the solid foundation of proven accomplishment on which Valpo rests today. With your help the University will continue to be of great service to the young people in the Church and in the Nation. If we are sincere in recognizing the tremendous value of this school to the growth of our church and the development of the individual; if we are convinced of the urgency upon the church to use every possible means to train men and women for greater work in the Church and in the Nation; we should be stirred to meet the challenge which Valparaiso University gives to every thinking Christian. I am sure that I am speaking for every member of the Guild when I say that we shall continue to assume some of the responsibility and perseverance of interesting many in the church to help build a sound basis of support for the one University of our Church. By increasingly fulfilling our vows of service and love, and by our courageous leadership, we will prove a real inspiration to those who are carrying the burdens of operating and expanding the work of the University. Thomas Carlyle said: "The work an unknown good man has done is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground green."

In her very fine report the President of the Guild has reported to you all the business transacted by the Administrative Committee during the year, as well as by the Executive Board, and on some of the matters handled by the office of the Executive Secretary. However, I should like to add my commendation and congratulations to those of our President on the accomplishment of the Guild during the past three years in promoting the project of the prayer chapel. It is a most remarkable record. And the fact that we are only $13,000.00 short of our goal of $100,000.00 in three years means that every chapter has been working and that the Guild at this convention is enjoying one of its great glowing hours—one of its cathedral moments. I am sure that this experience will exhaust and teach and enrich our hearts. The more than $87,000.00 is safely invested in U.S. bonds. We sincerely hope that this prayer chapel will be erected just as soon as conditions permit,—for we know and are sure that if this chapel is used by our students to take their troubles to God and leave them there, their tomorrows will be brighter than their yesterdays,—that it will enable them to pick up the pieces of life and put them together, to see more clearly and to think more calmly. We know that worship invokes upon our fevered hearts a sense of serenity and security—like the tones of the vesper bells hallowing the fading twilight. In this chapel we know our students can gather up in one pair of cupped

THE SPEAKERS' TABLE at the Convention Banquet on Saturday evening, Sept. 30. Left to right: Sophie Schroeder Sloman, M.D., banquet speaker; Mrs. Margareta Tangerman, Dean of Women, Valparaiso U.; Mrs. O. H. Theiss, Toastmistress; Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, president of the University Guild; Mrs. O. P. Kretzmann, and Mrs. E. J. Gallmeyer.
hands the pitiful fragments of a broken heart and place them into the hands of God. And there will be the humility that looks up and the humility that bows down. For when a man looks up at God, he also bows down and becomes a servant.

If our efforts in building the prayer chapel will bring about influences which reach and alter the inner attitude of mind and heart, put the train of thought on the right track, load it with precious truth and keep it toward the city of God, then the Guild has rendered the highest service known upon this earth. In later years our students will reflect: “Who can ever be grateful enough to those who kept our feet going toward the city of God?”

Each year I am amazed at the ingenuity and enthusiasm displayed by the chapters of the Guild. I shall share with you just a sentence or two from a letter received in May of this year from a chapter in Wisconsin:

“Vera and I thought it would be fun since we are celebrating the Silver Anniversary of good old Valpo U to see how much money we could raise toward same by putting on a cafeteria supper at my home. After paying expenses we were pleased to find that we had cleared $50 and we are very, very happy to send this check for the 25th Anniversary of the University.”

The chapter did not want credit for it on their project fund, but sent it directly to the University for the Silver Anniversary Fund.

All members of the Guild will share with me the deep regret that the president of the Cleveland Chapter, Mrs. E. N. Moore, cannot be with us today. For many years Mrs. Moore was also chairman of the Activities Committee. She writes:

“Personally I regret that I will not be able to be with you. Several more vertebrae in my spine decided that they had been working long enough and so decided to collapse — go on a permanent strike, so to speak — and I have therefore been flat on my back since the 5th of July. While I have been unable to go about, I have been able to do some work for the Guild. Have been dressing talcum powder dolls and making bedroom slippers — have dressed 20 of the dolls. I shall try to send a sample of doll and slipper, plus directions for making them, to the National Activities Committee — probably will give them to some-one of the members of the Cleveland Chapter to take to the convention. My thoughts will be with all of you at the convention. May God continue to bless the efforts of the Guild.”

I am sure that every member of the Guild joins me in expressing sympathetic concern over the affliction which has befallen Mrs. Moore, who has been one of the most active and loyal members of the Guild. The fortitude with which she is carrying her cross reveals again her strong character and deep faith. We shall remember her in our prayers.

The Field Secretaries gave their reports at the Executive Board meeting yesterday. All have been working, and the results of their efforts will be culminated in the organization of new chapters within the next year. However, three Field Secretaries have completed the organization of chapters. Mrs. Wm. Drews, Field Secretary for New York, organized the Olean, N. Y., chapter, and it is already showing fine strength in numbers and in activities. I had the pleasure of meeting many members of the Olean chapter when visiting in Buffalo in March.

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, Field Secretary for Northern Indiana, organized the chapter in Rochester, Ind., in the spring of this year. It also promises to be a very fine chapter.

Mrs. Fred Homan, Field Secretary for Central Illinois, reports the organization of a chapter in Tuscola, Ill., a few weeks ago. While the number of charter members of this chapter is now small, I am sure that it will grow into a strong chapter during the year.

All plans have been made for State Unit meetings of 1950.

Wisconsin-Oct. 10—Clintonville.
Illinois—Oct. 28—Rockford
Ohio—Nov. 1—Akron
Indiana—Nov. 11—Indianapolis

If at all possible I would urge members within the State Units to take advantage of these meetings, as they will prove helpful in gaining more complete information concerning the work of the Guild. They are also occasions for delightful fellowship. The Administrative Committee is recommending that each chapter pay the expenses of the president, or her representative, to the State Unit meeting.

Memorial Wreaths have been mailed to the chapters not represented at the Executive Board meeting in February. Many have been mailed to pastors and to funeral homes recommended by members of the Guild. All monies received through Memorial Wreaths will continue to flow into our prayer chapel fund. Mr. Knopp, director of the Department of University Relations, has offered that the Guild Chapel Memorial Wreaths be used exclusively and that he discontinue sending out the cards formerly used by his department. In the future, therefore, all requests for Memorial Wreaths will be filled by sending out the
Guild cards. We are grateful to Mr. Knopp for this offer.

The Guild Special this year, by resolution of the Executive Board, was purchased for Lembke Hall. It consists of plated silverware: 3 trays, 2 coffee pots, 3 sugars and creamers, 1 pitcher, a pair of candleholders, 12 doz. teaspoons; 2 Russell Wright tablecloths; 100 cups and saucers and 80 plates in the morning glory pattern; and 3 large coffee percolators each holding 48 cups. This equipment will be used for serving refreshments to the 160 boys in Lembke Hall, and for parties they may give in the Hall.

During the past year I had the pleasure of participating in the anniversary celebrations of three chapters of the Guild. The Flint (Mich) Chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary in February. The Buffalo Chapter celebrated its 15th anniversary in March, and at that time I also spent a very pleasant afternoon with the Niagara Chapter. The Hammond Chapter celebrated its 15th anniversary in June. All three celebrations were delightful social events, were well planned—with excellent programs, and it was a privilege to hear about the events of the many successful years they have labored for Valpo.

Most of the chapters have planned their pro-
grams for the coming year, and are already at work. May this day—then—inspire us to strengthen the ties which bind us; may it be a day which calls a small soul to greatness and a weak one to strength; may it touch our lives with those things that will enrich us. May our companionship during the year ahead deepen our love for all that is good and beautiful and true. May we go through another year with the determination that each day we shall be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear. May we be granted the grace to add to our strength, to increase our opportunities, to multiply the results of our labors in His name. May we yield ourselves to Him—time, talents, all—and through our surrendered souls fulfill His plans. May our duties of office be discharged by His help and support. May He fill us with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. May our faithful God grant us His benediction, together with health, peace, and quietness of life—that we may enjoy these gifts with joyful hearts, acknowledge His goodness, and magnify Him for all His grace and faithfulness in permitting us to labor in His kingdom. And, in that spirit let us continue to Build with the Guild!

So—Heidbrink
Madame Chairman—Dear Friends:

"Who then is willing to consecrate his services this day unto the Lord?" These challenging words from Holy Writ have been chosen as the keynote for the 19th Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild.

Before we attempt to answer this challenge today, let us look back for a moment upon the past history of the Guild. If everyone of you could read the record of Guild activities during the 19 eventful years of the Guild's existence, you would realize at once that in the past Guild women have replied to David's question with the emphatic declaration, "Here, Lord, am I."

The Secretary's Book does not record how many Lutheran women attended the first organizational meetings of the National Women's Committee of Valparaiso University in 1931; but we know that the number was small, pathetically small, when we consider the lofty purpose for which the Committee was organized and when we think of the ambitious program set forth in the first recorded resolutions.

I have never ceased to marvel at the courage and the vision of the women who banded together in 1931 to work for Valparaiso University and for the great cause of Christian higher education. The Women's Committee grew slowly but steadily during the next three years. The minutes for the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary—as it was then called—held on November 7, 1934, show that 46 members, representing seven chapters, were present. By 1936 the number attending the annual meeting had grown to 54 members, representing 14 chapters. In 1937 more than 90 members, representing 18 chapters, were in attendance. The 1938 Convention of the Guild was the first to be held in this auditorium; at that time 200 members and guests were present, and 19 chapters were represented. It is natural and understandable that every Guild member should glow with pride when we review the achievements of the Guild. But our pride is altogether without vainglory or arrogance. We are always ready and eager to thank the Giver of all good gifts for His goodness and mercy and for His blessing upon our humble efforts. We know that ever significant achievement imposes a challenge and an obligation for the future. Our success this year means that we shall not be satisfied to do less next year. We are determined that each new year shall see added gains and shall bring new victories.

Last May the Lutheran University Association commemorated the 25th anniversary of Lutheran sponsorship of Valparaiso University. The history of Valparaiso University during the past quarter-century reads like an almost incredible success story. The Guild is proud to have had a share in the magnificent achievements during this difficult period. Today this assembly will adopt a special resolution of gratitude and appreciation to the stouthearted men and women whose vision, unselfish service, and staunch support brought about the rehabilitation and the phenomenal growth of Valparaiso University. We shall implore the Lord of the Church to grant continued blessing and growth to the University.

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Some of you will recall that last year more than 100 members of the Guild attended the pre-Convention Executive Board Meeting and that, in recent years, the attendance at our midyear Executive Board Meetings has been approximately 75. Attendance fluctuated at the annual conventions of the Guild during the war years. The minutes of the 1943 Convention record that "approximately 120" were present. There was a sharp upswing in 1944, with an attendance of 225 members, representing 25 chapters. In 1945 the figure rose to 263, with representatives of 26 chapters. Last year the attendance was just under 300, with almost complete chapter representation.

The financial contributions made to the University may be charted in an almost unbroken upward arc from $3,992.86 in 1935 to an all-time record of $45,893.73 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1950.

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Guild members never lose sight of the fact that as we build with the Guild we also build with and for the University. And who among
us has not realized that at the same time we are building for ourselves tangible and invaluable moral and spiritual assets?

Yes, we give and work for the Guild. But our gifts and our works are returned to us a hundredfold. Membership in the Guild makes us a part of the University. It affords us the opportunity to see how an institution for higher learning operates; it gives us a better understanding of the tremendous cost of education. Membership in the Guild broadens our outlook on life, stimulates our interest in the arts and sciences, and in many other ways enriches our daily living. It gives us the feeling of satisfaction which comes with the knowledge that we are supporting a project which is important to our Nation and to our Church. When we come to the Valparaiso Campus, we are touched and heartened by the sight of hundreds of girls and boys—the same boys and girls to whom, in a few short years, we shall look for guidance and leadership in civic, national, and religious affairs.

Our hopes and our ideals for the citizens of tomorrow are high. We want those citizens to be educated in the true meaning of the word in order that they may be well equipped to meet whatever the uncharted future may bring. We believe that Valparaiso University can help translate our aspirations into reality. I am reminded of words spoken by Dr. O. P. Kretzmann at the University Matins last spring. President Kretzmann said: "We are now standing squarely in the middle of the 20th century. What will the second half bring? The final answer lies in the mercy and wisdom of God. Humanly speaking, however, we can try to make it better by giving our children a great faith and a sure foundation. This means Christian education as never before. We must give our children something to live on, for, and by . . . Valparaiso University pledges itself to the Christian training of thousands of young men and women in this critical hour. An education for God and with God is our best hope for 1950 and beyond."

An education for God and with God. Can you think of a more powerful weapon with which to arm our sons and daughters in this or any other hour in world history?

As I have indicated, the year 1949-50 was a most successful one for the Guild. Total receipts amounted to $45,893.73, an increase of $6,945.72 over receipts for the preceding year. Miss Vivian Kossman, our National Treasurer, will present a detailed report to this Convention.

It affords me special satisfaction to report to you that the Administrative Committee operated well within the budget adopted in the 1949 Convention. An unbudgeted expenditure of $506.75—the cost of the beautiful new Guild Memorial Cards—was absorbed from budget funds, and an unspent balance of $677.65 is shown on the Treasurer's books. The Administrative Committee strives consistently and conscientiously to keep operating costs as low as possible.

Yesterday the Executive Board authorized the printing of a new edition of the National Guild and State Unit By-Laws. The supply of the earlier edition had been exhausted last spring. Early in the summer Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Chairman of the Revisions Committee, assembled and edited the copy for the new edition. We are grateful to Mrs. Kampe for her outstanding service to the Guild, and we appreciate the fine cooperation she has had from Mrs. Louis Heinecke and Mrs. W. W. Walker, who serve with her on the Revisions Committee. A copy of the new edition will be mailed to every member of the Guild. I want to address this special plea to the entire membership: Please read this booklet very carefully. Know your Guild. It is important to the individual chapter and to the National Guild to have an alert, well-informed membership. A thorough knowledge of the By-Laws is invaluable to the chapter president, and she, in turn, will be benefited if each member of her chapter is familiar with the rules and regulations governing Guild policies and activities.

Under the able leadership of Mrs. Albert C. Moeller the Activities Committee—consisting of Mrs. Moeller, Mrs. G. O. Johnson, and Mrs. Roy Peck—has made a notable contribution to the Guild. It is my earnest hope that all chapter presidents will co-operate fully with the Activities Committee. Mrs. Moeller is always ready to share with you the excellent material collected by her committee to help you with any special program problems. She asks, too, that you send her any novel or outstanding program that has been successful in your own chapter or community. Mrs. Moeller's address appears on the masthead of the Guild bulletin, and for your convenience it has been inserted in the Convention program.

Miss Louise Nicolay, the Guild Historian, has made good progress with the history of the Guild. She has told me something about her plans and ideas, and I am sure that we can look forward to a colorful and comprehensive account of 19 years of Guild history. The task of writing a Guild history is not an easy one. We are genuinely appreciative of the time and the labor Miss Nicolay has given to this ambitious undertaking. You will be able to help her by sending her a brief resume of your chapter's activities each year.

The Administrative Committee gratefully
acknowledges Miss Mary E. Prentice's gracious acceptance of the post of Guild Parliamentarian.

Although the coal shortage, zero weather, and icy roads made travel difficult, attendance at the February meeting of the Executive Board was excellent. The members of the Board were privileged to hear addresses by Mrs. Margareta Tangerman and Dr. Adolph Haentzschel.

The annual pre-Convention meeting of the Executive Board was held yesterday afternoon. In this meeting, too, attendance was exceptionally good. The enthusiasm and the will to work shown in both meetings of the Board are stimulating and encouraging.

The Administrative Committee met four times in the course of the past year. In addition, your president made two special trips to Valparaiso to confer with the Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, and in August the National Treasurer joined us for a discussion of Guild finances.

As your representative I attended three meetings of the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso University Association as well as the two-day sessions of the University Board of Directors and the National Advisory Board of the Lutheran University Association held on the campus during the first week in November. In this meeting I was asked to make a report on Guild activities. At this time, too, the 25th anniversary of Dr. Kretzmann's ordination into the holy ministry was observed in an impressive service in the University Chapel. Dr. J. W.
Behnken, president of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, was the speaker in this service. On Friday evening, November 4, an anniversary dinner was served in the University Gymnasium to more than 500 guests. An enjoyable program had been arranged, and many messages of tribute and congratulation were addressed to the guest of honor. Your president attended both celebrations and conveyed to Dr. Kretzmann the heartfelt congratulations and the sincere good wishes of the Guild. A check for $107—the sum collected in the Executive Board meeting last September—was sent to the Anniversary Committee to be applied toward the purchase of the fine Baldwin grand piano which now graces the Kretzmann living room.

I was deeply impressed by the spirit of devotion and willingness to serve which was so abundantly in evidence in the meeting of the Board of Directors. In the minds and in the plans of the members of these boards there is no thought of turning back. The members are firmly united in a single great cause—to build a fine school. Mr. John Sauerman, Treasurer of the Valparaiso University Association, has often stressed the importance of Lutheran University Association memberships to the University and the desirability of increasing the number of Lutheran University Association memberships. I want to emphasize the fact that a $5 membership in the Guild is not mandatory. Nor are distinctions made in the Guild on the basis of the amount of dues paid. But, as you know, for the sum of $5 you can be a member of the Guild and the Lutheran University Association. In fact, every Guild member who pays dues in the amount of $5 or more automatically becomes a member of the Lutheran University Association. You pay your $5 dues to your chapter treasurer, she lists you as a $5 member on the remittance sheet which she sends to the National Treasurer, and the National Treasurer, in turn, sends the list to the University. Naturally, this is a matter to be decided by the individual. If you feel that a $5 membership will not impose a hardship, please consider it. And will you try to interest others—men and women—in becoming members of the Lutheran University Association?

Official greetings from the Guild were sent to the 41st regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod when it met in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from June 21 to June 30, 1950. The telegram was addressed to Dr. J. W. Behnken.

A letter of greeting was sent to the Central District Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League held in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 17-18, 1950.

Three chapters were visited by your president during the past year.

Mrs. Heidbrink and I met with the members of the Project Committee and Dr. Kretzmann to consider a new Guild project.

In a special meeting Mrs. Heidbrink and I discussed expansion plans and and possibilities with the State Unit Presidents and the Field Secretaries.

Highly successful State Unit meetings were held last fall in Beloit, Wisconsin; Logansport, Indiana; Lansing, Michigan; Melrose Park Illinois, and Cleveland, Ohio. Your president presented a report of the 1949 Convention program at each of these meetings.

Increased attendance at all the State Unit meetings strengthens my conviction that these meetings have an important place in the organizational framework of the Guild. A well-organized State Unit can be a powerful force in the National Guild. As the Guild grows, the State Unit meetings will become increasingly important and increasingly necessary. We like to think of the Guild as an organization made up of members who are friends as well as co-workers. I believe that the State Unit meetings can, and do, foster and deepen this feeling of friendship and understanding. In fact, I was impressed by the wonderful spirit of the Guild women who attended the State Unit meetings last fall. It was interesting, too, to hear from Valparaiso graduates and former students various legends and traditions that have become associated with the University. I discovered that Guild women are excellent saleswomen and propagandists for the University, and I met young mothers of small children who are already looking forward to the time when Billy or Sue will enter Valparaiso University. I want to thank all the State Unit officers, the host chapters, and everyone who had a part in arranging last year's meetings. I am grateful, too, for the cheerful friendliness and the warm hospitality extended to me.

Plans for this year's State Unit meetings are already under way. I want to urge everyone who can possibly do so to attend the meeting in her own area. It is essential that every chapter be represented in the State Unit meetings. Chapter presidents are urged to send a qualified substitute if they cannot attend in person.

Under the direction of our Executive Secretary eight Field Secretaries carried on the Guild's expansion program last year. Unfortunately, the posts of Field Secretary for Michigan and Pennsylvania are still vacant. We hope to have two Field Secretaries working in Michigan, and one in Pennsylvania, in the near future.
As you know, the work of the Field Secretaries often moves slowly. The Field Secretaries sometimes encounter obstacles and are often called on to exercise great patience. But they recognize—as we do—that growth and expansion are absolutely necessary if the Guild is not to remain at a standstill. I believe that it is impossible to overemphasize the fact that the Guild must have a continuing, healthy growth. For this reason I shall make bold to address an urgent plea to every member: During the next year can you—will you—interest at least one friend or acquaintance in the work of the Guild? Picture to yourself our joyful satisfaction if at this time next year we can report a membership of 10,000. Startling as this figure may seem, actually it is not impossible of achievement. Some of you may even be able to persuade two or three friends to join the Guild.

We are grateful to the Field Secretaries for the contributions they have made to our expansion program. I want to address a special word of appreciation to Mrs. Karl Kurth, who has just completed a four-year term as Field Secretary for Missouri.

Three new chapters were organized last year—in Olean, New York; Rochester, Indiana, and Tuscola, Illinois. Mrs. Heidbrink will report more fully on the new chapters. We are proud and happy to welcome these new chapters into the Guild, and we extend a cordial welcome to their officers and members who are here today.

Because of the high cost of printing the Administrative Committee regretfully limited the number of Guild Bulletins to two issues. Many favorable comments on the Guild Bulletin have come to my desk. I know that Mrs. Heidbrink plans each issue with great care. Her standards are high, and she works hard to make the Bulletin interesting, attractive, and truly representative of the Guild. We are deeply indebted to Mrs. Heidbrink, and I shall avail myself of this opportunity to express to her our sincere thanks.

A special Convention announcement was mailed to Guild members on September 1.

Last year the Convention authorized the purchase of china, silverware, and coffee urns for the Freshmen living in Lembke Hall. Acting on this resolution, Mrs. Heidbrink purchased a variety of articles designed to add a note of gracious living to social activities in Lembke Hall. A formal presentation of the Guild Special for 1949-1950 will be made this afternoon.

The Administrative Committee thankfully acknowledges the generous support and the fine co-operation it has received from the Executive Board, the State Unit officers, the Field Secretaries, the standing committees, the chapter presidents, and the membership at large. It is our earnest hope that this friendly relationship will never be broken.

The Administrative Committee wishes to thank Dr. Kretzmann for his deep interest in the Guild and for his unwavering support of the work of the Guild. On behalf of the members of the Guild I want to assure Dr. Kretzmann that the welfare of the University is of real concern to us. It is our fervent hope and prayer that the Omnipotent God will continue to shelter the University and the University family under His protecting arm, that the Father of Mercies will look with compassion upon the young women and young men on this and every other campus and keep them from the dark shadows of war, and that He will bless and prosper the work of all who labor in the interest of Valparaiso University.

I want to express my personal gratitude to the members of the Administrative Committee. Mrs. Heidbrink, Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mrs. Kurth, Miss Emily Doell, and Miss Kossmann have at all times worked with me in cheerful and friendly co-operation. I am especially indebted to Mrs. Heidbrink for innumerable courtesies as well as for her helpfulness to me in the discharge of the duties of my office.

A special word of thanks must be addressed to Miss Doell, who has served the three terms permitted under the Constitution and who today relinquishes the post of National Secretary. Miss Doell has been faithful and zealous in the discharge of her duties and has been tireless in promoting the work of the Guild. We know that although our close association with Miss Doell must end today, we shall not lose touch with her. This loyal and devoted worker for Valparaiso University will continue to support the Guild with wholehearted enthusiasm.

It becomes increasingly difficult to find words adequately to thank the members of the Valparaiso Chapter of the Guild. We know that many, many demands are made on the members of this chapter, which is made up almost entirely of faculty members and faculty wives. Yet each year they cheerfully take upon themselves the arduous work of serving as hostesses for the National Convention. They welcome us with heart-warming friendliness and extend to us splendid hospitality. We can only assure them again that we are sincerely grateful and that every Convention program adds to our treasure trove of cherished memories.

Last night Convention guests enjoyed an amusing program arranged for their entertainment by the Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter.
Delicious refreshments were prepared and served by members of the Fort Wayne Chapter. We are indebted to these chapters for a delightful evening.

The Administrative Council warmly thanks the Rev. Otto Toelke, President Kretzmann, Mr. Victor Hoffman, Mr. Albert Scribner, Mr. Herbert Knopp, Dr. Alfred Bischel, Prof. Richard Schoenbohm, Mrs. O. H. Theiss, Miss Marie Ehle—the Convention Reporter—the Resolutions Committee, the Nominating Committee, the chairmen of standing committees, the students of the University, and everyone who had a part in the Convention program.

It is inevitable that thoughts of tomorrow should come crowding into our minds today. We are aware of the extreme seriousness of world conditions. We cannot hide from ourselves the fact that we are living in grave and difficult times. No one knows what tomorrow will bring. I am reminded of a passage from Shakespeare’s Henry V. Just before the battle of Agincourt the hard-pressed King addressed these words to his friend: “Gloucester, ’tis true that we are in great danger; the greater therefore should our courage be.”

These words have a special timeliness today. This is a time of great danger. The greater therefore should—and must—our courage be. In this time of great danger we can either fold our hands and retreat into a shell, or we can work harder than ever before to try at least to bring a little nearer the peace and the security for which we all yearn. We can either become engrossed in our own petty problems, or we can be concerned about the rights and the privileges of our fellow-citizens. We can either run away from, and try to evade, the issues that threaten to destroy us, or we can take a firm stand on the side of justice and righteousness as we understand justice and righteousness from the immutable laws of God.

What will you do? How will you answer the question, “Who then is willing to consecrate his services this day unto the Lord?”

I am sure that I know what your answer will be. I am confident that, whatever the coming months may bring, the Guild will continue to work for Valparaiso University with unflagging, yes, with redoubled zeal. Today the women of the Guild resolutely reconsecrate their service unto the Lord.

Anne L. Hansen

PAST PRESIDENTS of the National University Guild photographed at Founders’ Rock on south campus immediately after convention session, September 30. Mrs. E. W. Schultz, Mrs. A. A. Taube, Mrs. W. N. Hoppe, Miss Louise F. Nicolay, Mrs. H. W. Bartels.
The Brazilians have a proverb which says, "He who would understand his neighbor must first put his head into the neighbor's house." The truth of this saying was impressed upon me more and more as I attended my first convention of the Valparaiso University Guild.

To begin with an impression in the lighter vein, Guild women have fun. The cozy companionship on chartered railway coach, bus, or private car, the voluble goodnights of those bent on mischief in Guild Hall, the quiet exchange of banter between our National President and Valparaiso's President, the acrobatic efforts of those going to bed in upper bunks, the ridiculous situations and costumes in the "Ladies Single Blessedness Debating Society" meeting—all contributed moments of laughter to the convention.

The campus welcomed the convention. It was not only being on a campus again that made us feel at home. It was seeing "the enchanting miracles of change" in the stately trees and the beautiful lawns where once had been only drabness. It was the gracious helpfulness of the girls in Guild Hall, the glowing pride of the freshman in Altruria as she showed us about her dormitory, the fine attitude of the students toward each other. It was being stirred to semi-consciousness long past midnight by ethereal strains of melody, which gradually came to focus as a lustily sincere and beautiful rendition, by a group of men students, of "I want a girl just like the girl who married dear old Dad." It was the lovely music of a more formal character contributed by student groups in the morning devotions and at the banquet. I felt that Valparaiso University wanted us there.

The business sessions were interesting, challenging, and inspiring. Over two hundred women with faces alight with zeal for a common goal—"thinking about tomorrow's youth today" in the words of Mrs. Heidbrink—make an interesting sight. The efficiency and clarity with which matters of business were presented by our charming National President, Mrs. Walter Hansen, and the enthusiasm displayed by the officers and committee chairmen in their respective reports challenged us to do our best thinking. There was a hush of happy gratitude when we were told that we are with-

in sight of our goal for funds for the Prayer Chapel. We were thinking of the hundreds of devoted women who had used their time, their energy, their ingenuity, and their prayers to make this possible; and, no doubt, a supplication went up from many a heart that soon a beautiful spire might arise on a campus hill to point the Way of Life not only to the students but to many a traveler along the highway. In the selection of a new project, the members displayed their fine qualifications as good housekeepers who know that there comes a time when things wear out and must be replaced. So at the University, when such prosaic things as plumbing and wiring need renewing, the Guild women are willing to put shoulder to the wheel.

Impressions which will never fade are those made by our two leaders on the campus, Dr. Kretzmann and Mrs. Heidbrink. The former, in his report, led us to see how much we are needed as a steadying influence on troubled youth in these dark times, how we must work for the best while planning for the worst, and how we must pray without ceasing for Divine guidance. Mrs. Heidbrink, with her characteristic aptness and beauty of expression, challenged us to think about what attitude we bring to life, and counseled us to be

"Too large for worry
Too noble for anger,
Too strong for fear."

I wondered how the women of the local Valparaiso Guild could produce each year an
original idea for entertainment of their guests. They made us look festive-looking for the convention with lovely hand-made red rosebuds and they capped this charming gift with real red rosebuds for the banquet, where color, beauty, wit, and good fellowship abounded.

Our speakers offered us a varied fare. Mr. Victor F. Hoffman, Jr. chose as his topic “The Hobo” and gave us food for thought about the economic and sociological problems presented by the so-named person. Our banquet speaker, Dr. Sophie Schroeder Slogan, although her many titles may have frightened us a little, soon won us with the informality and humor of her address on “The Role of Woman—in-the-Present-Day World.” The Rev. Mr. O. W. Toelke’s opening devotions were instrumental in stating the underlying theme of the meeting—devotion to the Lord’s work through furthering the cause of Christian Education. By his devout Sunday morning sermon to a congregation which was in itself an inspiration, Pastor Toelke sent many of us on our homeward way with a sincere determination to reconsacrate ourselves to our beloved Lutheran Church and its work. In this same church we experienced the shining hour of the convention, the beautiful candlelight vesper service in which President Kretzman installed our officers and spoke to us, simply and soul-stirringly, on “Peace.”

If you would really know your Guild, you must attend a National Convention. You will come away with the proud knowledge that you are helping, even if feeble, an infinitely valuable cause, and with a deep gratitude for the courageous and consecrated leaders who had the vision of this cause and, with God’s help, are cherishing it and passing it on through the years.
MEETINGS
of the
STATE UNITS

Wisconsin
The fifth annual convention was held in Clintonville, St. Martin Lutheran Church, on October 10. "Go Forward" was the topic of the address by the Rev. W. O. Speckhard. Mrs. H. Finney, convention chairman, welcomed the members, and Mrs. E. A. Ritchie presided. Beautiful fall flowers and foliage decorated the dining room where a delicious meal was served by the members of the Ladies' Aid. During the noon recess a tour was taken through the plant of the Four Wheel Drive. Dr. W. E. Bauer, Dean of the Faculty of Valparaiso University, addressed the convention. The Guild president, Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, reported on important resolutions passed by the recent convention, and Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink spoke on expansion. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. A. Feuerfeild; Vice President, Miss Viola Krueger; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Leman; Secretary, Mrs. Roy E. Schulze.

Michigan
On October 13 Guild members from the State of Michigan met in Lapeer in the fine new building of the American Legion for their fifth annual State Unit meeting. Mrs. Fred Firchau presided. The Rev. Otto Graesser conducted the opening devotion. Mrs. H. A. Eberline reported $2,129.60 in the Kreinheder Memorial Fund, and also read the Michigan Guild history. The tenth annual "Michigan Day" was commemorated with appropriate ceremonies. Valparaiso University's Dean of Women, Margaretta S. Tangerman, addressed the convention. Mrs. W. A. Hansen and Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink represented the national Guild. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Fred Firchau; Vice President, Mrs. Gilbert Otte; Secretary, Mrs. Fred Jens; Treasurer, Mrs. Calvin Gauss.

Illinois-Missouri
Mrs. W. P. Holtz, president of the Illinois-Missouri State Unit presided at the meeting held in Rockford, Illinois, on October 28th in St. Paul's Church. The Rev. E. V. Oelschlager conducted opening devotions. Luncheon was served at beautifully decorated tables in the parish hall. The Rev. F. H. Brunn gave an eloquent testimony to the work of the Guild immediately following the luncheon, and Miss Betty Ann Schmelting, an alumnus of Valparaiso University delighted the audience with a number of songs. Professor Armin C. Oldsen of Valparaiso University addressed the convention. The Chicago chapter invited the State Unit for the 1951 convention. The following officers will serve the State Unit: President, Mrs. W. P. Holtz; Vice President, Mrs. Paul Rabe; Secretary, Mrs. O. J. Bollman; Treasurer, Mrs. C. S. St. Clair.

Ohio
The Akron chapter entertained the fifth annual meeting of the State Unit on November 1. Sessions were held in Concordia Lutheran Church, with Mrs. E. S. Snyder presiding. The inspirational address was delivered by the Rev. John Mager. After reports on the year's work were given by the State and National officers, luncheon was served by the Ladies' Aid Society of Concordia. A musical interlude on the vibraphone was followed by the address of Professor H. H. Kumnick of Valparaiso University. The Rev. J. F. Yount closed the meeting after installing the following officers: President, Mrs. E. S. Snyder; Vice President, Mrs. F. W. G. Mueller; Secretary, Mrs. Erwin Runge; Treasurer, Mrs. David Wetterman.

Indiana
The Indianapolis chapter greeted the members of the Indiana State Unit with gilded wishingbones and a profusion of gorgeous chrysanthemums when they gathered for their annual banquet (continued on page 18).
The Bride Wore . . .

"The Bride Wore . . ." Ah, yes! Few subjects have the appeal for womenfolk as the subject of what the bride wore for her wedding. Proving it recently was the Decatur Circuit Chapter of the Valparaiso University Guild which packed the Decatur gym for a pageant on bridal fashions. Even the men, sparsely dotting the audience, found the fashion trends interesting. Many of the gowns were worn by daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters.—Marorie Barnhart, Fort Wayne News-Sentinel.

Miss Delores Scheumann, in 1928 wedding gown.

Dorothy Lebrecht modeling her mother's 1908 gown.

Miss Leona Thieme modeling gown of 1897.

Mrs. Waldo Conrad in wedding gown of 1901.
Godey's Book Is Recalled by Bay City Chapter

Styles from 1890's Reviewed at Breakfast.

"Godey's Book" a magazine of the early 1800's, was discussed and illustrated at a breakfast meeting of the Valparaiso Guild at Zion Memorial Building.

Mrs. George Francis of Saginaw was guest speaker.

Period gowns, some of them formerly owned by wives of U. S. presidents, were modeled.

About 175 members were seated at tables arranged with colorful tulips and apple blossoms at the breakfast which preceded the program.

A May pole with dolls dressed in pastel colored costumes and attached by green and white streamers centered the serving table.

Proceeds of the affair were sent to Valparaiso University for the prayer chapel fund.

Cincinnati Reports:

Against a background of Japanese lanterns, appropriate musical recordings, low tables and mats, oriental flower arrangements, and bright kimonas worn by the hostesses, the Cincinnati Chapter entertained about 135 friends and members with an "Evening in Japan." The affair served a two-fold purpose. It was a reception for Miss Haruko Morishita, a Japanese Lutheran exchange student, who had been interpreting sermons for our Lutheran missionary in Tokyo. It also provided an educational opportunity for the rest of us to learn more about life and customs in Japan today.

In addition to the interesting message of Miss Morishita brief talks were given by two young men who also came to this country from Japan to further their education, one in the field of medicine, the other in law. A letter from Dr. O. H. Schmidt reported on the situation in Japan as it affects our mission work. Then a modern movie entitled "Japanese Family" was shown. Quite an elaborate display of art objects from Japan had been arranged for all to inspect. The evening concluded with refreshments, consisting of tea (American style), punch, tiny sandwiches and cookies, and a sample of genuine Japanese cookies and tidbits for all.

Miss Harriet Ilse, as chairman of the activities committee, was responsible for the idea and carried it through splendidly with the help of her committee.

STATE UNIT MEETINGS

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Annual meeting at St. Paul's parish house on November 11. The Rev. Theo W. Meibohm opened the meeting with an address and prayer. At the luncheon, which was served before the opening of the business session, Mrs. Margaretta S. Tangerman, Dean of Women at Valparaiso University, addressed the convention, and Mr. Norman E. McKeel sang several baritone solos. Mrs. Melva Turbin conducted the business session. The officers of the State Unit, as well as the national officers, gave their reports. Mrs. Walter A. Hansen installed the following officers: President, Mrs. Melva Turbin; Vice President, Miss Bertha Widmar; Secretary, Miss Lily Fedder; Treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Eickhoff. The closing prayer led by the Rev. H. L. Krueckeberg was followed by a program of cello music, a dialog, and numbers on the accordion.
MINUTES
of the
National Convention
Valparaiso, Indiana
September 30, 1950

The Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild was opened with a devotional service in the University Auditorium, on Saturday, September 30, 1950 at 9:00 a.m. The morning hymn, “God, who madest earth and heaven” and the hymn of consecration, “Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee,” were accompanied by Dr. M. Alfred Bichsel. This service was further beautified with chorals sung by the Chapel Choir under his direction.

The Rev. O. W. Toelke, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, Ind. based his address on Nehemiah 4, 17-18: “They which builded on the wall, and they that bear burdens, with those that laded, everyone with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, everyone had his sword by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me.”

Comparing the obstacles which the children of Israel encountered while they were rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem with our present day difficulties, Pastor Toelke pointed to two great truths which this Scripture passage emphasizes:

First, the discouragements which face every good work. Especially the half-way mark of an undertaking is the hardest point. We are willing to concede that our work is a God-given duty, but it lacks the enthusiasm of the beginning, and the end is not yet in sight.

Secondly, our text shows the Christian courage which refuses to acknowledge defeat. It is also important to note that the prophet tells us that “everyone wrought in the work.”

Above all, we must not forget that, as in the days of old, our God will fight with us, and finally crown our efforts with success.

Our president, Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, thanked Pastor Toelke for these words of inspiration and assured him that the Guild joins her in wishing him success in his new field of labor at Immanuel Church and our University.

MRS. W. N. HOPPE, Lakewood, Ohio, appointed Parliamentarian of the Guild, took over her duties on November 1, 1950.

The convention motto was taken from I Chronicles 29, 5: “Who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?”

Calling the meeting to order, Mrs. Hansen expressed her pleasure at the fine attendance. “No high pressure tactics were needed to encourage attendance at this convention,” she continued, “you are here because you want to know what has been accomplished and what we hope to do next year.”

Committees which served during the past year are the following:
Activities—Mrs. Albert Moeller, Chairman; Mrs. R. Roy Peck, Mrs. G. O. Johnson.
Nominations—Mrs. Raymond Larson, Mrs. August Gerken, Co-chairmen; Mrs. R. Ressmeyer, Mrs. K. Bliese, Mrs. Wm. Drews.
Revisions—Mrs. A. O. Kampe, Chairman; Mrs. Louis Heinecke, Mrs. W. W. Walker.
Project—Mrs. Arnold Scherer, Chairman; Mrs. Robert George, Mrs. Frederick R. Schultz.
Parliamentarian—Miss Mary E. Prentice.
Historian—Miss Louise F. Nicolay.
Reporter for this convention is Miss Marie Ehle.

The following members constitute the Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Lester Wegner, Chairman; Mrs. Oliver Graebner, Mrs. Paul G. Krentz.

Because the 1949 Convention minutes have been printed in the Guild Bulletin they were
not read at this time.

The minutes of the Executive Board meeting held September 29th, 1950, at 1:30 p. m. were read and approved.

Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, first Vice-President, then took the chair while the President read her annual report. In spirit she took us back over the nineteen eventful years of the Guild's existence, showing the steady growth. And while we are fully aware of the extreme seriousness of world conditions today—the greater our courage should—and must—be. Mrs. Hansen expressed the confidence that whatever the coming months may bring, the women of the Guild will resolutely recommit their service unto the Lord and continue to work for Valparaiso University with redoubled zeal. She expressed sincere gratitude to Mrs. Karl Kurth, who has just completed a four-year term as Field Secretary in Missouri. Upon the conclusion of her report the following resolutions as presented by the Resolutions Committee were adopted.

WHEREAS, the Guild is deeply grateful for the progress made, under God, by Valparaiso University during these past twenty-five years under Lutheran administration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we commend the members of the Advisory Board of the L.U.A. and the members of the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso University Association for their outstanding service; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we implore our Heavenly Father's continuing blessing on the efforts of all who labor in the interest of Valparaiso University; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, the members of the Valparaiso University Guild, recommit our efforts to the great task before us.

A letter from Mr. W. C. Dickmeyer, president of the Board of Directors of the Lutheran University Association, was read. Mr. Dickmeyer expressed the gratitude of the Board for the support given the University by the Guild.

There was also an acknowledgement from Dr. John W. Behnken, President of Synod, of our telegram sent at the time of the Synodical Convention in Milwaukee.

WHEREAS, The Guild acknowledges 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.

WHEREAS, The Lutheran University Association and the Board of Directors of the Valparaiso University Association have given their support to the Guild program and have underwritten the Office of Executive Secretary again for the past year, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our grateful thanks be extended to them.

WHEREAS, Atheistic Communism constitutes an ever present threat to the preservation of our Christian heritage, our American liberties, and the peace of the world—and

WHEREAS, Representatives of Communism throughout the world have openly attacked the Christian faith—and

WHEREAS, We, as representatives of the Valparaiso University Guild, are dedicated to the building of a University devoted to the keeping of our Christian heritage, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we, individually and collectively, recommit ourselves to the great task of preserving our American and Christian heritage, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that we use every channel of information to warn especially our youth of the dangers of communism, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That we pray earnestly for the continued protection and guidance of Divine Providence over our country, our Church, and our University, to the end that they remain true and faithful to the ideals for which we stand in these days of confusion and fear.

Mr. Herbert W. Knopp, director of the Department of University Relations, reported on the sale of the 25th Anniversary seals. To date a total of $30,421 has been realized. He thanked the Guild for their participation in this effort. It is impossible to give an accurate account of how much of this amount came from Guild members because so many remittances were made by family groups.

The Nominating Committee presented the ballot:

President—Mrs. Walter A. Hansen, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Mrs. Charles Bodenstab, Chicago, III.

First Vice-President—Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, Mattoon, Ill., Mrs. Victor Schulz, Sheboygan, Wis.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Karl Kurth, St. Louis, Mo., Mrs. Karl Bliese, Rockford, Ill.

Secretary—Mrs. Lester Wegner, Milwaukee, Wis., Mrs. Erwin Kurth, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Treasurer—Miss Vivian Kossman, Chicago, Ill., Mrs. Nelson Thompson, Cleveland, O.

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, South Bend, Ind., was nominated from the floor as candidate for Secretary. Upon motion duly made, seconded and carried nominations were closed, and the slate of candidates accepted.

Following tellers were appointed by the chairman: Mrs. Wilfred Junke, chairman; Mrs. Forest Palmer, Mrs. William Fenske.

Next in order was the Treasurer's report.
Miss Vivian Kossman submitted the following statement:

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Balances July 3, 1950 ........... $1,559.84

Chapter financial reports and a list of receipts from chapters for the Project Fund covering the years 1947-48, 1948-49 and 1949-50 are listed in the Convention handbook. In the three-year period approximately $87,000 were contributed to Valparaiso University for the Chapel Fund.

A letter of audit from Mr. G. E. Penson, Chicago, Ill., certified the accounts of the Treasurer, and her report was accepted as read.

WHEREAS, We have heard the good report of our National Treasurer and

WHEREAS, We realize that this success is due to the fine work of each local chapter and to each individual member of these chapters, therefore be it

RESOLVED, To extend our heartfelt thanks to all.

The proposed budget for 1950-51 calls for a sum of $4,562.50, itemized as follows:

**PROPOSED BUDGET—1950-51**

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A resolution to accept this budget was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, A budget based on past expenditures and allowing for additional expenditures has been submitted, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That the proposed budget for 1950-51 in the amount of $4,562.50 be accepted.

In her annual report our Executive Secre-
tary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, stated, "If life is to be rich we must have a work and a cause to live for. In the Guild there is an opportunity for the "Martha" and for the "Mary" in every woman." She presented new chapters in Olean, N. Y.; Rochester, Ind., and Tuscola, Ill., and they were officially accepted into membership. All plans for the 1950 State Unit meetings have been made:

Wisconsin, October 10th at Clintonville
Michigan, October 13th at Lapeer
Illinois, October 28th at Rockford
Ohio, November 1st at Akron
Indiana, November 11 at Indianapolis

Members within the State Units were urged to attend these meetings. They not only prove helpful in gaining more complete information concerning the work of the Guild, but are also occasions for delightful fellowship. In closing she urged all to continue to "Build With the Guild."

WHEREAS, Our Executive Secretary, Mrs. C. R. Heidbrink, has again so capably, zealously and graciously assisted with the affairs of the Guild during the past year, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we extend to her our heartfelt thanks, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That her report be printed in the next issue of the Guild Bulletin.

Mrs. Albert C. Moeller, chairman of the Activities Committee, reported her committee was able to assist sixteen chapters with suggestions and materials. They are also considering sending out an annual News Letter. Copies of Chapter calendars, samples of menus, programs, song sheets, and descriptions of clever decorative ideas will be much appreciated by this committee. Mrs. Albert C. Moeller's address will be found on the masthead of the Guild Bulletin. Mrs. Hansen urged all chapter presidents to cooperate with Mrs. Moeller.

Mrs. W. W. Walker, representing Mrs. A. O. Kampe, chairman of the Revisions Committee, stated no further changes in the By-Laws were found necessary. However, only a few copies are on hand, and she suggested that a new edition be printed, including the latest revisions. Upon recommendation of the Executive Board the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Executive Board has deemed it advisable to bring the handbook of By-Laws up to date, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that we empower the Administrative Committee to have a new edition of the National and State Unit By-Laws printed at a cost of approximately $550.00.

Our Historian, Miss Louise Nicolay, says the story of the Guild reveals the manifestation of God's grace and guidance in its development from a small group in 1931 to a present-day membership of about 5,550 in 72 chapters. She hopes to have this history ready for our Twentieth Anniversary next year.

Election ballots were distributed by the tellers and we proceeded with the voting.

Following a number of announcements by Mrs. Heidbrink the meeting recessed for lunch.

The second session of the convention was called to order at 2:00 p.m. At this time Roll Call was taken. Five Past Presidents, six National Officers, the chairmen of two Standing Committees and one substitute, seven Field Secretaries, four State Unit Presidents, our Historian, 45 chapter presidents and 11 substitutes responded. Large delegations had come from Cleveland and vicinity, Fort Wayne, and other communities.

A note signed by the "Girls in Guild Hall" expressed their thanks for the candelabra presented to the University last year.

The Guild Special for 1949-50 was presented by Mrs. E. T. J. Birner, first Vice-President. It was purchased for Lembke Hall and consists of plated silverware; 3 trays, 2 coffee pots, 3 sugars and reamers, 1 pitcher, 1 pair of candle holders, 12 doz. teaspoons; 2 Russell Wright tablecloths; 100 cups and saucers and 80 plates in the morning glory pattern, and three large coffee percolators each holding 48 cups. Dr. Kretzmann accepted these gifts. He assured the Guild that now the 160 boys in Lembke Hall will enjoy their refreshments and have parties in real style.

Mrs. Hansen introduced Mr. Victor F. Hoffman, Jr., instructor in Government and Political Science. For his address he had chosen a most unusual subject—"The Hobo"—It gave us a better understanding of the factors which can change a normal life into that of a restless wanderer. There is one female to every 20 male tramps. Ages range usually between 20 and 40 years.

Mrs. Hansen thanked Mr. Hoffman for his interesting talk.

By way of introduction to his Report on the University, Dr. Kretzmann remarked that he has been the Guild's spiritual advisor for ten years, and expressed his gratitude for the fine accomplishments of the Guild during the year just closed.

Compared with 334 in 1943, there are 1,872 students on the campus this Fall. The invasion of Korea has already taken away 9 per cent of the enrollment. While this may seem a large percentage, the percentage of losses at other universities is greater. Our school is now set up to take care of an enrollment of 2,000 students and we want to keep it that way. Experience has given us a more profound understanding of the needs of the day.

The Engineering school has done better than
expected. A laboratory has been added for which much equipment is still needed. Ours is the only Engineering School under Lutheran auspices in America.

A separate department of speech and drama has been set up, and through the Dean of Women service to women students will be increased, for, in the final analysis, it is the women who determine the spirit on the campus.

The Placement Service is doing excellent work under Prof. and Mrs. Graebner. One hundred and fifty Seniors have been placed since last June.

Dr. Kretzmann encouraged chapters to send in each Spring the names of confirmands, and arrange parties for High School students.

Once more the shadows of war lie over our land and youth. Directives received by all colleges from Washington indicate that we can look for partial mobilization for from ten to thirty years. The picture may clarify itself after the election. Only those in the upper half of their classes will receive consideration when it comes to a question of deferment; much depends on their military service and local draft boards also.

While under present conditions it is impossible to live a normal life we can save ourselves much unhappiness by observing three rules:

1) Live momentarily. God tells us, "As thy day so shall thy strength be."

2) Continue to pray.

3) Plan for the worst but work for the best, in the firm conviction that God has a purpose in all these things.

Mrs. Hansen thanked Dr. Kretzmann, saying that we will continue to support our University with our fervent prayers and our work.

WHEREAS, President O. P. Kretzmann has again contributed so much to the spiritual atmosphere of our Convention through his timely counsel by word and sentiment, and

WHEREAS, During the month of October he will celebrate his tenth year as President of Valparaiso University, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we give President Kretzmann a rising vote of thanks and tender him our best wishes for health and vigor of body and mind and spirit to enable him to continue to lead the great work at Valparaiso.

Turning to new business, Mrs. Arnold Scherer, chairman of the Project Committee, presented the report of that committee. After careful study it is proposed to undertake a new Guild project, as outlined in the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Guild has come within $13,000 of raising the amount of $100,000 for the Prayer Chapel, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we bring our pledge to completion; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That all monies for Memorial Wreaths continue to flow into the Chapel Fund.

WHEREAS, Present world conditions indicate that we may expect a marked decrease in male enrollment, which may continue indefinitely, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that our project for the next two years shall be the physical rehabilitation of the campus as it affects the comfort and the well-being of the student body; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That our Project funds also be made available for expansion of courses in the curriculum, should the need arise.

WHEREAS, because of the decrease in the buying power of the dollar and because the urgency of these immediate requirements constitute a major project,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we urge every member to reconsecrate herself in behalf of the University, and, if possible, to increase her financial support to see us through these uncertain days.

After these resolutions were unanimously adopted Mr. A. F. Scribner, Registrar and Business Manager, expressed the appreciation of the Administration to the Guild and assured the members that they will take good care of any money that is turned over to them. Our President thanked Mr. Scribner for his loyal and able service to our University.

Resolutions as follows were adopted:

WHEREAS, Miss Emily Doell has ably and faithfully served the Guild for three years in the capacity of National Secretary, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That a heartfelt vote of thanks be extended to her.

WHEREAS, There is no furniture in the Recreation Room in Guild Hall, and

WHEREAS, It is felt that the girls and their friends need an additional suitable place to study and relax, therefore be it

Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew, South Bend, Ind., elected by the Convention as Secretary of the national Guild.

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RESOLVED, That the Guild Special for 1951 be used to begin furnishing the Recreation Room and that the Administrative Committee be authorized to purchase what is needed.

WHEREAS, in a recent issue of the Lutheran Witness a most generous amount of space was granted to Valparaiso University by the Frontispiece composed of a full-page picture of the prayer chapel in Memorial Hall, Valparaiso University, and the article entitled “Venture of Faith” by Mr. Herbert W. Knopp of the Department of University Relations, and

WHEREAS, By happy coincidence further support was given to the University in an editorial in the same issue, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Valparaiso University Guild express the gratitude and appreciation of its membership for this timely and valuable assistance to the cause of Lutheran education and Valparaiso University.

The election resulted as follows:
President—Mrs. Walter A. Hansen.
First Vice-President—Mrs. E. T. J. Birner.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Karl Kurth.
Secretary—Mrs. E. V. Bartholomew.
Treasurer—Miss Vivian Kossman.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to make the election unanimous, and the tellers were granted permission to destroy the ballots.

WHEREAS, Our 19th Annual Convention has been inspirational as well as enjoyable to all who attended, and

WHEREAS, much thought and effort was required in planning the many details, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That our sincerest thanks be extended to the following who have contributed so much in order to make the 1950 Convention of the Valparaiso University Guild such a great and blessed success: The Convention Committee of the Valparaiso Chapter of the Guild; Wayne Chapter; Mishawaka-South Bend Chapter; Miss Marie Ehle, convention reporter; Speakers: The Rev. O. W. Toelke, Mrs. O. Theiss, Dr. Sophie Sloman, Mr. Herbert Knopp, Mr. Victor C. Hoffman, Jr., Mr. Albert F. Scribner, Dr. Bichsel and the Chapel Choir Director Schoenbohm and the University Choir, and others who helped in building the spirit of the Convention;

To all, who in any way, aided by their prayers, gifts and labors, added blessings to the days of meeting.

A prayer by Dr. Kretzmann and the Lord’s Prayer spoken in unison, brought the convention to a close.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily W. Doell, Secret